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Battle of the Books brings excitement and retro reads to the PAC

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

For 25 elementary school teams from across Allegan County, Saturday was all about books, teamwork and a little friendly competition.

The annual Battle of the Books competition returned to the Plainwell Performing Arts Center, bringing together students in grades three through five from eight elementary schools representing Plainwell, Otsego, Hopkins and Martin.

While last year set a participation record with 27 teams, this year's 25 teams still filled the PAC with what organizers described as one of the most energetic audiences yet.

"It was very exciting to have 25 teams participating from eight different elementary schools in the county," said Jennifer Fazio, who organizes the event alongside Laura Adams and Julie Potter. "We don't have any official count, but there were more attendees in the audience supporting these kids who have worked so hard over the last few months.

"It was a super exciting and encouraging auditorium."

Fazio credited the Plainwell PAC staff for helping make the day special.

Participants in this year's Battle of the Books consult with event leaders to get clarification on different questions. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

"The Plainwell Performing Arts Center staff does a remarkable job making this special for the kids," she said.

This year's theme was "Retro Picks in 2026," as all six titles were selections that had appeared on previous Battle of the Books reading lists. The books included:

* *Catch a Story Fish* by Janice Harrington
* *Danger on the Mountain: True Stories of Extreme Adventure* by Greg Treinish
* *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein
* *Fish in a Tree* by Linda Mullaly Hunt
* *Punished* by David Lubar
* *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* by Grace Lin

Battle of the Books consists of preliminary rounds featuring three rounds of seven questions based on the selected titles. Teams have 30 seconds to answer each question before moving on, with the top two teams from each battle advancing to the Grand Battle.

As in recent years, the format also includes visual questions and rotating team members at the microphone, creating an atmosphere that feels part quiz bowl, part pep rally.

Jennifer Fazio, one of the co-leaders of the local Battle of the Books competition, addresses the audience prior to the start of the Grand Battle. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

According to Fazio, the competition this year was especially tight.

"Lots of excitement and teamwork," she said. "The competition was so close. We loved reading."

While there is a trophy at stake, organizers say the event is ultimately about something deeper.

"Reading and talking about books is just fun for all of us, and then to be able to share that idea and experience with kids and volunteer coaches is a joy," Fazio said.

She recalled one student who entered the competition expecting to enjoy *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* and *Fish in a Tree*, but was surprised by how much he enjoyed *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*.

"Books can really open the reader to new things, and then talking about the stories with others pushes the experience even further," Fazio said. "Just like a book club."

This year's Grand Battle champion was "Catching a Win" from Gilkey Elementary. Other teams competing in the Grand Battle were Catching A Rock Star, Galactic Baddies, Back to the 80's, Escaping the Mountain of Stories, Anything But Mac & Cheese, Book Bandits and Summit Seekers.

Organizers also offered a special thank-you to the volunteer coaches, parents and school staff members who help cultivate a love of reading in students.

"We are still hopeful to build this to invite more schools in Allegan County to join us next year," Fazio said.

After more than 20 years of competition, Battle of the Books continues to evolve—but its core remains the same: celebrating stories and building readers.

Otsego High School earns Gold status on AP School Honor Roll

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Otsego High School has been recognized at the Gold level on the College Board's 2024–25 AP School Honor Roll, placing it among the top-performing high schools in Michigan for Advanced Placement success.

OHS was one of 170 schools in Michigan to earn AP School Honor Roll recognition and one of just 38 to receive the Gold distinction. It was also the only school in Allegan County to achieve Gold status this cycle.

The AP School Honor Roll, launched in 2023, recognizes schools that expand access to Advanced Placement coursework, support student success on AP exams and build a strong college-going culture.

To earn Gold status, schools must meet rigorous benchmarks within their graduating class, including having at least 65 percent of seniors take one or more AP exams, at least 35 percent score a 3 or higher on an exam and at least 10 percent take five or more AP exams during high school, with at least one taken in ninth or 10th grade.

At Otsego, 69 percent of the Class of 2025 took at least one AP exam. Nearly half of graduates earned college credit by scoring a 3 or higher on an exam, exceeding the College Board's Gold-level requirement.

The achievement places OHS in the top 6.5 percent of high schools in Michigan for AP success and among the top 7 percent nationally.

"This reflects the strong culture of access, support, and high expectations we've built — both through our AP teachers and through the work happening in earlier classes that prepare students for success," OHS Principal Thomas Reed said.

In 2025, 1,169 schools nationwide earned Gold-level recognition.

The College Board notes that the program is designed to encourage schools to make rigorous coursework more accessible and to support students on the path to college readiness and success.

Plainwell police warn residents about law enforcement impersonation scam

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Plainwell Department of Public Safety is warning residents about a sophisticated phone scam involving callers who falsely claim to be court officers or law enforcement personnel.

The alert comes after a recent incident in which an individual walked into the Plainwell Department of Public Safety while actively on the phone with someone claiming to be a "court officer." The caller told the individual they had an active warrant for their arrest due to missing jury duty and demanded immediate payment for bond.

According to officials, the caller even instructed the individual to meet at a local police agency—a tactic designed to create urgency and lend legitimacy to the scheme.

"This is 100 percent a scam," officials said in a statement.

How the scam works

Police say the fraudsters are using increasingly sophisticated and professional-sounding tactics. Victims may receive voicemails referencing a "criminal case" and urging an immediate callback. When they return the call, they may be transferred to a supposed officer in what appears to be a legitimate office setting.

Scammers may use personal information such as a victim's name or former address—often data that is publicly available — and claim missed court appearances, jury duty violations or bond issues. They then demand payment to "avoid arrest."

In some cases, the callers become aggressive, belligerent or threatening when questioned.

The scam may also involve directing victims to meet at or near police agencies in an effort to make the situation appear legitimate.

What citizens need to know

Officials emphasized that no legitimate law enforcement agency—including the Plainwell Department of Public Safety or the Allegan County Sheriff's Office—will:

* Call and demand immediate payment for warrants, bond or missed jury duty
* Request payment over the phone or via gift cards, wire transfers, cryptocurrency or cash drop-offs
* Threaten arrest, home visits or harm if someone does not immediately comply
* Instruct individuals to meet at a police department to exchange money
* Ask for sensitive personal information, such as a Social Security number, during an unsolicited call
* Use threatening or intimidating language

"Legitimate court and law enforcement actions follow formal legal procedures — not phone demands," officials said.

Why the scam can be convincing

Police say scammers often "spoof" local phone numbers so calls appear to come from government agencies. They may use the names of real or former law enforcement employees and transfer calls between multiple people to simulate an official environment.

"They prey on confusion and anxiety to convince people to send money quickly," officials said.

How to protect yourself

Residents who receive an unsolicited call demanding payment or threatening arrest are urged to hang up immediately.

Do not provide personal information or send money under pressure.

If you are concerned about a warrant or court issue, verify independently by contacting the Plainwell Department of Public Safety at its non-emergency number, (269) 685-9858, or by contacting the Allegan County Clerk's Office using a phone number you look up yourself.

Officials also encourage residents to report scam attempts. Reports can be made to the Plainwell Department of Public Safety or to the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

"If you have been targeted or believe you may have been victimized, contact us so we can assist and document the incident," officials said.

Police are also encouraging residents to share the information with friends, family members and neighbors, particularly seniors and others who may be more vulnerable to these tactics.

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Fennville High School art students partner with "No More Empty Bowls"

\Ladders of Hope reached out to the Fennville community to get handmade bowls for their March 21, 2026, "No More Empty Bowls" fundraiser at the Fenn Valley Winery. The Fennville High School art students stepped forward to volunteer their time and talents.

In preparation, the FHS Art students visited the Ladders of Hope Pantry to learn more about the services it provides to area citizens. When they returned to the classroom, they began creating bowls that will be used during the soup fundraiser. Each person purchasing a meal will be able to take home their handmade bowl.

This project is being led by art teacher, Julia Moore, and local potter, Dawn Soltysiak of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA).

Organizers of "No More Empty Bowls" invite everyone to support their efforts from 6-8 p.m. on March 21st at Fenn Valley Winery while enjoying delicious soups provided by 12 area restaurants. The meal will be complimented with bread, desserts, and live music.

Fennville High School students visited the Ladders of Hope Food Pantry in Fennville in preparation for creating soup bowls that would be used during the "No More Empty Bowls" Fundraiser on March 21st from 6-8pm at Fenn Valley Winery. The public is invited to partake in a wonderful meal and take home their bowl.

Hopkins to host two Public forums to discuss bond proposal

By David Young

The Hopkins Public Schools will sponsor two public forums later this month and in April to offer information and answer questions about the bond proposal on Tuesday, May 6.

The schools had a public program last September, but now that the election date is drawing nearer, there two forums are planned in an effort to let district residents know what the vote is necessary.

The two dates and times are 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 18, and 6 p.m. Thursday, April 23. Both will be held at the Hopkins High School cafeteria.

Hopkins Public Schools will have its first bond election in 19 years next May and a group of about 40 local citizens showed up to a public forum, to get details.

Supt. Scott VanBonn, himself a graduate of Hopkins High School, was the host for the discussion and information presentation last September. He said the last bond issue from 2007 now is just about paid off, so now is a good time to take care of other projects without raising the tax rate.

Perhaps the most impactful portion of the proposal on the ballot is the removal of the old middle school, which once served as the high school, but now appears to have outlived its usefulness. VanBonn said a new middle school will be a two-story 94,500-square foot facility with landscaping and parking improvements.

The superintendent said the parking situation continues to get worse every year during the morning and afternoon times of student pickups and dropoffs.

He promised that some serious planning will be done to accommodate the razing of the old former high school building and erection of the new facility without interrupting student learning. It was estimated that the turnaround for the project would be complete within three to four years.

Another impactful proposal is for a new 17,500-square-foot performance arts facility for plays, special events and musical presentations. The goal is to eliminate the need for middle school and high school music students to go outside to change classes.

The superintendent insisted that the most important goals of the project plans are safety and security, a comfortable learning environment, athletic facility improvements, energy efficient upgrades and enhanced infrastructure.

Another identified need in the athletic department is upgrades and repairs for the track.

Some attendees of last September's gathering asked about the old Schwartz farm the district owns, but VanBonn indicated the property at the corner of 128th Avenue and 24th Street might better be continued as a rental farming parcel that brings in about $12,000 a year to the school system.

Other minor wants include continued electric bus purchases, air conditioning in the gym, concessions at the soccer field and renovations at Sycamore and Hopkins Elementaries.

Conspicuous by its absence was anything to do with water or a pool.

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- In the hot, dry summer, grass grows slowly and the blades turn brown, but the plants don't die. If you can bear this stage, the grass will green after it rains.
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ACCF launches program to address housing and childcare crisis

By Art Nicholas

The Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF) has quietly been building toward a moment that its leadership hopes will change the trajectory of two of the county's most pressing challenges: a severe shortage of workforce housing and a critical lack of childcare. This fall, that preparation took a major step forward when the ACCF Board of Trustees approved a new Impact Investment and Program Related Investments Policy — a framework that transforms the foundation from a traditional grantor into something more: an investor.

"The board signed off on it in October and we announced in November," said Chris Kleinjans, ACCF's Community Impact Housing Officer. "And now we're at the point where we're getting our arms around how to do it."

The policy authorizes the foundation to set aside up to 5% of its endowment pool for impact investing — capital that can be deployed as loans, loan guarantees, equity investments, or financing through intermediaries. Unlike a traditional grant, this money is expected to come back. The fund is designed as a revolving vehicle, meaning returned principal and interest can be reinvested again and again, multiplying the foundation's philanthropic reach over time.

Four Years in the Making

The program didn't emerge overnight. Kleinjans traces its origins to the data-driven housing assessment commissioned several years ago. ACCF hired Bowen National, a respected housing consulting firm, to put hard numbers to what many residents already sensed — that housing in Allegan County was in trouble.

"That assessment really put a statistical face to what we all sort of knew," Kleinjans said. "And it created awareness among a lot of partners at the table about the scope of the need."

That research gave rise to a Housing Stock Work Group — a coalition of community leaders, municipal representatives, and organizations working to turn data into action. At the same time, ACCF President Stephanie Calhoun spent roughly three years developing the concept of impact investing as a complementary tool to grantmaking.

"It (impact investing) came out of private foundations, but community foundations have become more involved in this idea of actually becoming an active project backer rather than a grantor," Kleinjans explained. "It's a slightly different space."

When Kleinjans joined the foundation nearly two years ago, he brought with him a background that spanned museum work, 15 years with Michigan State University Extension in Ottawa and Allegan counties focused on health and food security, and service as an elected county commissioner in Ottawa County — where housing had become one of his central concerns. He saw the impact investing initiative as a natural fit for the Foundation's goals.

Targeting the Missing Middle

The heart of the program, at least on the housing side, is gap funding. Kleinjans envisions the foundation stepping in on projects that have already assembled much of their financing — state dollars, brownfield TIF credits, private investment — but still can't quite make the numbers work for attainable-priced units.

"Where I see this fund doing the most good is to help reduce the sale price of for-sale units or the build price of rental units just enough to hit that 80 to 120% or below area median income — which is what we definitely need the most of," he said.

Individual project investments are capped at roughly 1.5% of the foundation's total holdings — to ensure the fund can support multiple projects simultaneously and avoid overconcentration of risk. That constraint, Kleinjans argues, also helps define the foundation's role: not as a primary lender, but as the piece that makes an otherwise unviable project finally pencil out.

"These are projects where MSHDA has come in, they've got LIHTC, they have PILOT, they're doing brownfield TIF — all the letters. The developer is using all the tools that are in the current toolbox and they're just running a little bit short," he said. "Then that's where we can come in."

Childcare Is Not an Afterthought

While housing tends to dominate the conversation, Kleinjans was quick to note that the impact investment policy explicitly addresses childcare as well — both areas emerged as top priorities in the community input that shaped the foundation's current strategic plan.

"Childcare is another huge issue countywide, and the housing conversation sometimes takes up the entire room — but childcare is equally important," he said. "We know from talking to employers that those are the two things that really inhibit the growth of small industry in the county, as well as the maintenance of the large industry we have."

The approach to childcare will likely differ from housing. Because much of the county's childcare capacity runs through home-based providers rather than licensed centers, Kleinjans sees micro-grants as a more appropriate mechanism than large loans. The foundation is in early conversations with providers interested in expanding or transitioning to center-based operations, and is working to develop a program framework that reflects the unique nature of childcare economics.

"The policy says what it's supposed to do broadly, but we understand it's not a one-size-fits-all approach," he said.

Projects Already Lining Up

The response to the program's announcement has exceeded early expectations. Two housing projects are already far enough along that the foundation's newly forming Impact Investment Committee — which will include some members of the Housing Stock Work Group, community experts, and ACCF staff — expects to take them up for initial review in the first week of March.

"We didn't anticipate it becoming as popular a notion as it did," Kleinjans said. "But we've been approached by a few different projects that are lining up in the county, and they want to talk to us about accessing that fund."

He is careful to temper that enthusiasm with rigor. The fundamental difference between a loan and a grant, he noted, is risk — and the foundation takes its stewardship responsibilities seriously.

"We want to make sure that we are being good stewards of the trust that we've been given by the people who support our organization — past, present, and future — to make sure that money goes to projects that have a very high chance of fulfilling their obligations," he said.

The foundation is also exploring whether to invest a portion of the fund through a Community Development Financial Institution, or CDFI — a federally chartered lender, often nonprofit, that specializes in below-market financing for projects serving low- and moderate-income communities. Organizations like Michigan Community Capital and IFF (formerly the Illinois Facilities Fund) are active in West Michigan and could pair their capital with ACCF's, magnifying the foundation's investment impact.

A Shovel in the Ground

Asked how he would define success a year from now, Kleinjans was both pragmatic and poetic.

"My boss holding a shovel when a community is breaking ground on new housing we helped get across the finish line — that would be something I'd really like to see," he said. "That's something the entire staff is just passionately involved in."

But beyond a single groundbreaking, he envisions the foundation helping foster a broader, more connected conversation about housing across all parts of Allegan County — from its rural townships to its lakeside communities, each wrestling with its own version of the same challenge.

"There's a lot of knowledge and a lot of solutions inside this county that other areas don't know about," he said. "If we can keep that energy going, it'll help create the momentum for housing that we want to see."

The ACCF Housing Summit, scheduled for May 8th at The Griswold in Allegan, will expand its reach this year beyond municipal leaders to include community advocates and organizations working across the housing and childcare spectrum. It's free, lunch is included, and Kleinjans is hoping it sparks exactly the kind of cross-county collaboration he believes can move the needle.

For more information about the ACCF's impact investment program or the Housing Summit, contact the Allegan County Community Foundation at www.alleganfoundation.org.

Art Nicholas is a member of the ACCF Housing Stock Work Group and a contributor to the Allegan County News.

Wayland's Finance Director steps down

By Joseph Schultz

Monday night was the last Wayland city council meeting that Kate Balfoort attended as the city's finance director. It was revealed that Balfoort is stepping down from her position in Wayland to pursue a new opportunity with the city of Kentwood.

The city council thanked Balfoort for her work putting proper accounting practices in place, getting the city on a solid budget, and for helping to update the employee handbook.

Mayor Jennifer Antel echoed Councilman Justin Osbon's sentiment that Balfoort was "leaving the city in a better place."

N. Locust & Lorene Street improvements

The City Council approved contracting with Oetman Excavating LLC on a construction project on N. Locust and Lorene streets. The project will replace the aging water main and storm sewer, widen the roadway, install concrete curb and gutters, and put in a sidewalk on one side of each street, with ADA-compliant ramps.

The construction project would start this spring, and will be open for traffic by August 15th. City Manager Erik Wilson told the council that all touch-up work will be completed by the end of August.

Wilson also stated that the lawns that would be disturbed by the construction project would be restored with clean-screened top soil and hydroseeding. The residents would be responsible for watering hydroseeded areas of their lawn.

The council also approved hiring Wightman & Associates to engineer the project. The total budget cost of the project is $1.7 million.

Security gate improvement for the Department of Public Works

The City Council also received a request for a security gate at the Department of Public Works (DPW) building. The DPW stated that they wanted an automated system with remotes and PIN pads, to make the site more secure.

"Is it a concern?" Osbon asked, questioning the need for security fencing. He was told that unauthorized individuals were getting past the cattle gate currently in place, and dumping trash on the property.

The request for the security gate was approved by the council, with Osbon being the only vote against it.

Fire department awarded a grant

It was also revealed that the Wayland Fire Department received a $5,000 grant from Apex Clean Energy's Blazing Star Solar to purchase new training tables and chairs for the Public Safety Building. The grant will cover about 50% of the cost of modernizing the training space for the fire and police departments.

Conflicts of interests disclosed

Potential conflicts of interest involving city employees and vendors were disclosed to the City Council Monday night. The one disclosure that troubled some council members was that Frog Fire Training, which provides fire training for the city's fire department, is owned by Fire Chief Jon Timmers. Timmers recently became a full-time employee of the city.

The council must consider these conflicts when deciding on purchases from the disclosed vendors.

Judge candidate Tom Siver introduced to the city council

District court judge candidate Tom Siver introduced himself to the City Council. Siver, the attorney who defended two men who were acquitted in the kidnapping plot of Governor Gretchen Whitmer, stated that he intends to be a judge for the people.

Siver proposes implementing a GED or jail program. The program would give some convicts the option of completing their GED or skills training instead of serving time in jail. The goal is to get convicts employed so they do not end up back in jail.

Those wishing to find out more about Siver can visit his website, votesiver.com.

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EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

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By March 5, 2026, 7pm. Tickets for An Evening of Extraordinary Outcomes. https://alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar/ or at the door on March 6th.

Sat., Mar. 7, 2026, 7pm: Timeless at Sherwood's Cove. Sherwood's Cove 132 Brady St. Allegan

Mon., Mar. 9, 2026, 6pm: Why Are All These Irish Songs in English? Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

Tues., Mar. 10, 2026, 9am: Coffee for Vets. Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan

Sat., Mar. 14, 2026, 9am-6pm: The Art of Allegan. The Griswold and other places in Allegan to raise fund for improving the Griswold Auditorium.

Apply Now, due April 1, 2026: Allegan County Fair Agricultural Society Scholarship Fund applications are available for applicants who have participated in exhibiting at the Allegan County Fair for three out of four of their high school years. https://allegancountyfair.com/fair_bite/2026-scholarship-application/

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Mar 4, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

6pm: Bilingual Storytime – Ages 0-7 and their families can enjoy books in English & Spanish

6pm: Pintesting: Herbarium Bottles – Register at 269 673-4625 to craft & chat while making Herbarium Bottles.

Wed., Mar. 4, 2026, 6-8pm: Hummingbird Feeder
Brave Art Studios & Gallery 1873 Lincoln Rd, Allegan
Create a hummingbird feeder and think spring. Register at brave.art.carr@gmail.com.

Thurs., Mar. 5, 2026, 10:30am: Preschool Storytime
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Ages 2-5 can drop in to enjoy stories and activities.

Thurs., Mar. 5, 2026, 7pm: An Evening of Extraordinary Outcomes
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Join ACCF as they introduce the public to the Ice Cream Man and Anne Frank, Through the efforts of the University of South Carolina's Anne Frank Center, the Allegan Area ESA, the Allegan County Community Foundation, and trained docents, the public can meet extraordinary people and participate in wonderful conversations.

Fri., Mar. 6, 2026, 6pm: Teen Tech Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Teens grades 6-12 can register at 269 673-4625 and experience virtual reality, explore 3-D printing and play video games after hours.

Sat., Mar. 7, 2026, 6-9pm: Mardi Gras Fundraiser
Fenn Valley Winery 6130 122nd Ave. Fennville
The Fennville, Pullman Lakeshore Rotary will host a fun evening with drinks and dinner for $75. For info, contact Kim 616 240-0709; https://tinyurl.com/fplmg26

Sat., Mar. 7, 2026, 7pm: Timeless at Sherwood's Cove
Sherwood's Cove 132 Brady St. Allegan
Enjoy a night of acoustic covers from the 1960s on by Timeless.

Sun., Mar. 8, 2026, 9am-12:30pm: Pancake Breakfast
St. Mary's Visitation Community Center 2455 146th Ave. Byron Center
North Allegan County Right to Life will be serving a variety of pancakes, sausage links, ham, omelets, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, and fruit. Adults 12 & up-$10.00, Children 5-11- $5.00, 4 & under free. For information contact Anita Lenhart- (616) 681-9379, neetsi505@aol.com, alleganrighttolife.com

Mon., Mar. 9, 2026: Library Fun
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10am: Splash, Splash Stories @AAC – Ages 0-7 can call 269 673-7002 X5504 to register then grab your bathing suit and swim your way into a good story at the Allegan Aquatic Center! Enjoy a time of silly tales and songs. Afterwards, splash with your family and friends in the pool!

6pm: Why Are All These Irish Songs in English? – Register at 269 673-4625 to explore how traditional music flows freely between people.

Tues., Mar. 10, 2026, 9am: Coffee for Vets
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan
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Tues., Mar. 10, 2026: Library Fun
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10:30am: Lapsit Storytime – 0-2 year olds can enjoy stories and activities.

6:30pm: Book Club – Drop in on a discussion of *Kaikeyi* by Valshnavi Patel.

Wed., Mar. 11, 2026: Recess for Adults
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Drop in and have fun with adults from the Arc of Allegan.

Thurs., Mar. 12, 2026: Library Fun

10:30am: Preschool Storytime – Ages 3-5 can drop in and enjoy stories and activities.

3:30pm: Teen Art Hangout – Grades 6-12 can drop in to make an animal collage.

Fri., Mar. 13, 2026, 10am: St. Patrick's Party

8pm: Scrapyard Live
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Sat., Mar. 14, 2026, Snazzy Shamrock Chalk Pastel Art
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All ages can drop in to make a unique shamrock with colorful chalk pastels!

Sat., Mar. 14, 2026, 9am-7pm: The Art of Allegan Griswold Benefit
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
This fundraiser for the Griswold Auditorium with offers The Arts, Classes, Food, Behind the Scene Tour of the Griswold, and a special showing of *Vincent*. More info at https://www.thegriswoldallegan.com/the-art-of-allegan.

Sat., Mar. 14, 2026, noon-4pm: 1st Annual PI(E) Day Bake Off
Crane's Pie Pantry 6054 124th Ave. Fennville
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Sat., Mar. 14, 2026, 5-8pm: Veterans Spring Dinner
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VFW Post 9377 invite all service members, veterans and their guests to enjoy dinner and guest speaker Dustin Curtis. Purchase tickets by March 5th. Check alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar for the QR code.

Mon., Mar. 16, 2026, 10am: Basketball Bracket Pickup Begins
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Mon., Mar. 16, 2026: Library Fun
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11am: Who eats whom? – 1st-5th graders can drop in to learn how the food chain works with the Kalamazoo Nature Center.

2pm: Drop in Lego Club – Ages 5-12 can drop in the play and create with Legos.

6pm: Craftastic: Shamrock Brooches – Register at 269 673-4625 to make a Shamrock Brooch for St. Patrick's Day.

Tues., Mar. 17, 2026: Library Fun
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10:30am: Lapsit Storytime – 0-2 year olds can drop in to enjoy stories and activities.

3:30pm: Discover 4-H – Ages 5-12 can drop in to do activities that feature different countries.

Tues., Mar. 17, 2026, noon-1pm: MACC Leadership Roundtable
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MACC and ACCF invite leaders of organizations that serve Allegan County to gather in a consistent, trusted space for alignment, shared problem-solving, and collective impact. Registration is free at https://alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar/.

Wed., Mar. 18, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan

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Seven Generations Park being constructed in Watson Twp

By Gari Voss

As spring approaches, be it a faux spring or a real one, the outdoors begins calling. In Watson Township, Michigan, that call comes from the recently named Seven Generations Park. Watson Township created a Parks and Recreation Plan that included the development of 30 acres of Township property near the intersection of 20th Street and M-222 into a community gathering space.

The area was perfect with fields, woods and a stream. In the Master Plan, the suggestions included picnic tables, a pavilion and gazebo, walking paths with benches, biking and running trails that could be used for snowshoeing and cross country skiing, some sports fields and even a disc golf course. The township board knew this would take time and money to accomplish.

Township Supervisor Kevin Travis shared that the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 funds started the ball rolling. In 2021-2022, two walking trails were established. The first, the Red Raccoon Trail, meanders through the woods and was made possible with an $8,000 grant from the Allegan County Community Foundation (ACCF).

The 2nd trail, the Blue Beaver Trail, takes walkers through the woods and along School Section Brook at the corner of the property where the county drain meets the brook. This path was created thanks to ARPA of 2021 funds which were meant to accelerate recovery from COVID-19 and support public health.

The trails proved popular, but Watson Township, like many in Michigan, had no "town square" or place for people to gather for social activities. Working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the township was able to obtain a grant to construct a pavilion. In addition to the shelter, picnic tables were added. Thus, a gathering place was established.

For the next improvement, in 2025, the township envisioned a Veterans Memorial. They were awarded a $15,000 Put Your Town on the Map grant from the Consumers Energy Foundation. The application was completed by Travis and John Caris, who is a retired captain from both the Marine Corps and the Army. The two traveled to Boyne Mountain to participate in the Pitch Contest. Travis shared that John gave such an impassioned speech about what it means to be a veteran, including all the veterans who have been lost, that the panelists were in tears. The panel was also impressed that the township was including the diversity and inclusion aspects of the township that would ensure that everyone's story was told.

This funds will enable the Veterans Memorial in the park to become a reality. Travis felt that when complete, special gatherings will be held to celebrate Veterans Day and Memorial Day.

When Travis first took office, the township did not have a logo or flag. Wayman Brith, a former controller for Kent County, encouraged Travis to think about branding the township by creating something that people would recognize and know that it was part of their community, a reminder of where they belong. The decision was made to encourage civic participation by inviting kids to share their thoughts.

In response to an email sent in 2017 to superintendents of all four school districts in Watson Township, superintendents passed the request to the art teachers and kids to create a design that Watson Township could use as their logo and flag. Within a week before the deadline, thirty different applicants submitted their designs. Matt Grile, head of the visual arts program in Otsego, turned it into a class project. The Allegan Tech Center's graphic arts department did the same, as did the art program at Martin High School.

The review of entries boiled down to two of the submissions. One was chosen to be the township logo and the other the township flag. The logo came from a ninth grade student in Otsego, and the flag from a senior at Allegan High School. Included on the flag is the inscription "Place Identity Community" which was included in the email to describe the original reason for creating the logo and flag.

Because the 30 acres lies on what was originally Potawatomie ground, there was consensus that there should be an official acknowledgement of that fact. In conversations with John Shagonaby of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi, the decision was made that Watson Township Park would be named the Seven Generations Park.

Seven Generations Park was officially established on October 5, 2022, but the official naming ceremony was not held until October 2033 near Indigenous People Day. Representatives from the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of the Potawatomie Nation, the Watson Township Board, citizens of Watson Township, and other officials gathered to dedicate the park with a name blessing led by Virginia Sprague-Vanderband.

"This was the coolest thing that I have been a part of in my entire life," stated Supervisor Travis. "Virginia talked about the Seven Generation Principles. She brought a bag of tobacco to bless the land. Kelly Church, who is a tribal member and a nationally renowned basket weaver and artist [Black Ash Basketry Artist], made bracelets for every member of the township board. I was very honored by it."

The resolution was read. "Therefore, be it resolved, that The Board of the Township of Watson in recognition of the importance of the Seven Generation Principle, and in the Township's goal of encouraging the development of youth, preserving open space, and building relationships, hereby names the park located on M222 "Seven Generations Park". Therefore, be it further resolved, that the Township is hopeful the park is still in use and appreciated seven generations from now."

Why Seven Generations"?

The Seven Fires Prophecy is a foundational oral tradition that outlines a path for the Potawatomi and other Neshnabek people and details their past struggles while guiding their future directions.

Today, the seven generations is focusing on the youth who are destined to heal the "broken circle of life" that was caused by colonization and the Trail of Tears. Simultaneously, Potawatomi Ventures and other tribal entities use the principle to ensure that today's economic and environmental decisions support, rather than negatively affect, the generations to come.

The Potawatomie Nation strives for cultural preservation which includes maintaining their language, traditions, and sovereignty that will ensure a better future for generations to come. Using The Seven Grandfather teachings to guide their moral and spiritual path of the seventh generation, the indigenous community hopes to help the seventh generation navigate life with wisdom, love, and respect.

To continue the connection to the indigenous people, visitors to Seven Generations Park will find signs that name things and areas in both English and Potawatomie. Thanks to a partnership with Frank Barker, one of the three people fluent in Potawatomie, signage was created in two languages. Seven Generations Park translates to Ankobjegen, Sunset = Bgesmok, Listen = Bzedage. The Watson Township Board felt it important to put the language out in front and encourage people to attend language classes through the tribe so that piece of their culture would be preserved.

"When doing the Place Making, it was important to decide what makes this area unique," explained Travis, "What makes this area unique is the Potawatomie people who are not found anywhere else in the world. They are right here in our backyard, and their story is not being told. It feels like part of their history has been erased. We wanted to put them back into the story and learn about their history."

Seven Generations Park is ready for gatherings. "I do hope that people in the future will enjoy it like people are enjoying it today," concluded Travis during the blessing ceremony.

Virginia Sprague-Vanderband of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians cut the ribbon and led the naming ceremony during the celebration at the Seven Generations Park in Watson Township in October 2023. Pictured: Virginia Sprague-Vanderband and Supervisor Kevin Travis. Photo: Watson Township Board

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Opinion: It's Time to Ban Cell Phones From Classrooms

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Walk into almost any classroom in America today and you'll see a familiar sight: heads tilted down, thumbs scrolling, students half-present as glowing screens command their attention. Teachers often joke that they're competing with a device designed by some of the world's smartest engineers—except it's not funny anymore. It's a crisis.

Many schools in our area have already addressed this, but many have not. If you are a school in the "have not" category I hope you, for the sake of the students, ban cell phones asap.

Banning cell phones from classrooms isn't about denying technology or being "anti-kids." It's about acknowledging a simple truth: smartphones, in their current form, are wrecking focus, undermining learning, and damaging the social fabric schools are meant to cultivate.

First, the academic costs are undeniable. Study after study has shown that even the mere presence of a cell phone—buzzing, glowing, or sitting silently on a desk—reduces attention and recall. Teens aren't just distracted by their phones; they're distracted thinking about their phones. No amount of teacher reminders, "phone caddies," or half-hearted "airplane mode" rules are strong enough to compete with apps engineered to keep users hooked.

Then there's the social and emotional fallout. Classrooms used to be places where students talked to each other, made eye contact, formed friendships, and learned to navigate conflict. Now, many walk into class and immediately retreat into their screens. Instead of conversation, they exchange TikToks. Instead of solving problems face-to-face, they text from across the room. And when conflicts do arise, they often spill over into the digital world, where rumors, screenshots, and online drama spread exponentially faster.

Teachers—already stretched thin—are expected to police this chaos, but the burden is impossible. They can't teach effectively while also monitoring Snapchat, Instagram, and a dozen other distractions pinging in 30 pockets. Classroom management collapses when technology is allowed to call the shots.

Some argue that students need phones for safety, especially in an era of lockdown drills and real threats. But let's be honest: during emergencies, trained adults need clear communication—not hundreds of teenagers live-streaming, texting parents, or spreading misinformation. Most school districts have landlines, radios, and emergency systems for a reason. Phones often complicate crises, not solve them.

Others say banning cell phones is unrealistic or outdated. Yet countries like France, the U.K., and others have already enacted national restrictions with strong results: improved academic performance, fewer behavioral issues, and better student well-being. It turns out that when kids don't have the option to disengage, they re-engage.

This doesn't mean technology should be stripped from education. Chromebooks, tablets, and controlled digital learning tools can enhance instruction when used intentionally. But smartphones—personal, addictive, and impossible to regulate—are a different category entirely. They're not tools of learning; they're portals to distraction.

A classroom should be a place for thinking, not scrolling. For discussion, not notifications. For learning, not multitasking. If we want students to succeed—academically, socially, and emotionally—then banning cell phones in classrooms isn't just reasonable. It's urgent.

Sometimes the simplest solutions are the most effective. Shut the phones off. Put them away. Give students the freedom to actually learn.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

My father would occasionally remind me that the older I got the better I would have to dress so I wouldn't look like an old codger.

Then he would point to someone and quietly add: "That fellow over there, he is not a good example to follow."

From time to time I remember his admonishment and, near the end of December, I decided to get started on one of my New Year's Resolutions: I cleaned out my closet. I will remain a card-carrying member of "The Olds," but perhaps I won't look quite so much like a shabby, down-at-the-heels codger. With luck, I will not make it into the rogues' gallery of shoppers at big box deep discount stores who believes a cheap price is all that matters.

There are other reasons for this spiffing up. I have noticed a lot of men or women, once they get to retirement age, and especially after they have lost their spouse, sort of quit caring about their appearance. It doesn't seem to matter as much as it once did.

That's why one of my new year's resolutions is to wear a tie several days each week as well as keep my shoes polished. I don't see many people during the week, so I am not trying to impress. I am doing it for myself.

Worse, putting a little effort into our appearance can lead to jealous criticism. We will return to that in a few paragraphs.

Late last year, U.S. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, after seeing too much bad behavior on airplanes, dared to publicly suggest people dress more appropriately before boarding.

He made what seems to me a very reasonable suggestion. Instead of wearing pajama bottoms or something else that looks slovenly in public, if people dressed up more, there was a good chance they would act better.

That seemed rational to me, but was not universally received with great joy and gladness. There were, of course, some who quietly whispered, "About time!" They whispered because they did not want to be accused of elitism.

Of course, Duffy was accused his suggestion smacked of right-wing propaganda. Others called it racist, colonialist or ageist. Some thought it was another example of government overreach. How dare someone in Washington tell ME how to dress. It was a Trump-agenda conspiracy to further divide the country. You get the idea: some people did not like it; others did.

Defiance spread on social media: No one is going to tell me what to wear. I will do what I want, when I want and wherever I want. A few passengers adopted the defiant defensive mode; they were quick to challenge anyone who gave them a disapproving look.

For many people, especially The Olds, this idea brought back memories of dress codes in schools. Those codes included the colors and length of hair styles. For girls, it was skirt length. In some parochial schools it included a quick check to make sure no girl was wearing patent leather shoes because they might reflect her "unawares" as undergarments were sometimes called.

Once, when our junior high principal issued a decree about the overwhelming smell of Hai Karate and Brut aftershave, and listing other brands henceforth forbidden, some fellows sabotaged his ideas about fresh air. For breakfast on school days they had baked beans and ultra-spicy Vienna sausages. Others swallowed a clove or two of garlic. I will leave results to your imagination.

The British have a unique way of dealing with this sort of mischief; their police can slap an offender with an ASBO (Anti-Social Behavior Order.) It is meant as a way of shaming any perpetrator but it soon became a competitive source of pride when teenagers decided they wanted to chase the honor getting the most ASBO's.

The Chinese are a far more hardcore, using a method straight out of Orwell's "1984." Anyone who doesn't fall-in to obey the straight government line can start losing social credits. Lose too many points and it is no internet for you, buddy-boy, and no right to travel back home for the annual Watermelon Festival.

Trying to restrict and repress human behavior never works, at least for long. We just figure out ways to outwit those in charge. We even admire them, which explains the success of movies like "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" or "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," or TV shows like "Hogan's Heroes" or "Sgt. Bilko." Slackers and saboteurs always find a way to push back.

Now back to my friend whose husband died. After a spell or mourning. she started looking and acting like her old self. She went to the beauty shop to have her hair overhauled, started wearing "good clothes" instead of a housecoat when she went out, and "did her face" even on days even when she wasn't planning to leave her house.

It made some of her friends uncomfortable (perhaps it was jealousy) and they teased her about being a cougar on the prowl for a new man. That teasing and criticism troubled her.

She and my now-late wife Pat talked about it. Pat asked why she was making the effort to spiff up, if she was really on the prowl, trying to make her friends jealous or just doing it for herself. Her answer was the third one and Pat encouraged her to keep it up.

She did, criticism and jealousy wilted away and her women friends began seeing her as an inspiration to do a better job at self-care.

Men work on themselves too. Looking good made my father feel good. It elevated his mood and sparked his creativity.

In his mid-80s, after the retirement home administration where he and Mother were living took away his motorcycle, he decided to take up oil painting.

One day in the art room he asked if they offered figure painting with live models. For artists, that can be code for nude models. They threw him out of the class.

In the crafts room he asked the instructor if he could teach how to make fireworks. He got booted from there too.

Another time, he phoned asking me to buy exhaust whistles to put in tailpipes of the home's security vehicles. I did and he did. Security is probably still scratching their heads.

The year the monthly fee was raised, he asked the treasurer what white mice cost. When the bagman asked why, Father said he needed a new source of income and wanted to raise them in the second bedroom. The answer was "no" and management sent out a memo to tell the rest of the inmates not to try it.

Father was an incorrigible anarchist because, or so he claimed, he wore a tie. A tie made him feel good and was his secret source of power, so he wanted to share the fun, not sit around waiting to fall off his perch.

That included posting ersatz official-looking flyers that said "Official Notice. Do not remove" on the facility's bulletin boards, and a few on downtown phone poles.

Secretary Duffy's drive to dress better is a small part of a bigger challenge. That problem gets at least partially resolved when we make a point to notice people who are inspiring, and to inspire others.

For 2026, I made a resolution to notice at least one person per day who is an inspiration. It does not have to be sartorial elegance; it can be anything positive that makes even an incremental dent in a world too often focused on the negative. I will tell them I appreciate what they're doing. My second resolution is much like that: to do what I can to set a decent example.

Want to join me? We won't change the world, but we might make it a more enjoyable place.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The rest of the story

Dear Editor:

On February 12, 2026, I read Publisher Wilcoxs ("Wilcox") article titled "Why the U.S. Needs Voter I.D." On or about February 4, 2026, President Trump ("Trump") stated that Republicans should nationalize elections. On February 11, 2026, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the SAVE America Act. Wilcox supports Trump and the Republican House of Representatives. He wrote "National elections should have national standards. So, why does the U.S. need Voter ID? To further safeguard and protect the election process. But, is there a bona fide problem with election fraud?

No. As Wilcox knows, "instances of in person fraud are statistically rare." He writes further that "... fraud is infrequent." I would use the words "nearly non-existent." So, we're trying to fix a nearly non-existent problem. Why? Wilcox admits that there is chance that voting may be suppressed. And, folks, that is the real goal of Trump and Republicans. a The SAVE America Act raises concerns among some groups, including married individuals who have changed their names and may not have matching documents.

Democrats say this legislation would disenfranchise eligible voters, while Republicans say it is necessary to prevent fraud. (But, here again, as Wilcox notes fraud is rare. It is a bogeyman.)

Wilcox wrote that the notion that Voter ID laws suppress turnout "doesn't hold up against real world experience." However, Wisconsin's Voter ID law suppressed turnout among African American voters and other groups in 2016. Where turnout in elections increased, there is no evidence that it increased because of Voter ID laws Trump hired Simpatico Software Systems ("Simpatico") to attempt to prove voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election. Simpatico found no (repeat, no) evidence that any voter fraud changed the election.

Claims of voter fraud made by others were verified as false. Trump and his allies feed us a steady diet of innuendo, misrepresentations, false impressions, and outright lies when it comes to the issue of voter fraud. If voter fraud had impacted the 2020 presidential election, it would already have been proven. Trump is lying about election fraud. Trump lost the 2020 election. So, if FOX News continues to spread voter fraud lies, and many of its viewers actually believe the lies, the U.S. needs to add further steps and barriers to vote and more than likely have ICE agents around our polling stations? We have become Hungary.

In the Dominion Voting Systems ("Dominion") v FOX News 2023 lawsuit, FOX News was alleged to have knowingly spread false election fraud stories. The core of FOX News' defense was the notion that its viewers know that FOX News is not hard news reporting. While not explicitly using the word "entertainment", it was implied. FOX News paid Dominion $787.5 million in April 2023.

Here we are in February 2026. Trump is still lying about voter fraud. And, Wilcox wants "national standards" to prevent near non-existent voter fraud. Wilcox added that there is a "fairness" element. Though admittedly "statistically rare" and "infrequent", there is this belief of fraudulent voting and "gaming" the system. Inasmuch as this belief is Evidence Free, is it too much to expect journalists to point this out, rather than to inflame it?

If you wish to indulge in a "fairness" discussion, start with the Electoral College. A condidate can win an election in Michigan by one vote and receive all 15 electoral votes. Winner Takes All. Fair? In 2016, Trump lost the popular vote by almost 3 million votes and still became President. Fair?

And then there is the U.S. Senate. Wyoming has 588,753 people. New York has 20.2 million people. Each state has 2 Senators. Fáir?

Wilcox claims a desire to leave no eligible voter behind. Let's see. Who's most at risk of being denied at the polls? Service members, people of color, naturalized citizens, women and rural voters If Republicans truly cared about election integrity, election day would be a national holiday or held on Sundays. Republicans want nothing to do with this idea. The more people voting, the worse Republicans tend to get beaten. Since the 1970's, it has been pretty cut and dry, figure out who is likely to vote against them, and prevent them from voting. Sen. Mitch McConnell opposed making election day a national holiday for these very reasons.

Sorry, arguments against the latest Voter ID requirements, when reviewed critically, are anything but weak. Arguments to eliminate the Electoral College and make election day a national holiday arere strong. These are worthy tasks for Congress.

W. DeHoek

What happened to man of peace?

Editor,

Seriously, People!

How could those Norwegians deny Trump a Peace Prize now?

Who is a man of peace more than Donald Trump?

Doves with olive branches rest upon his shoulders.

Wake up, Norway!

David Ohmart

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Dorr Twp. Board must appoint new trustee in 45 days

by David Young

The Dorr Township Board likely will spend all of March and perhaps part of April trying to find a successor to Trustee Chandler Stanton, who resigned abruptly effective Feb. 19.

Board members Thursday night had differing takes on how to proceed and whether the person selected will have to run for the seat in the August primary or November general election. There still are two years left on Stanton's term.

Treasurer Sheila Reitz said state laws insist that the appointment must be made within 45 days of the resignation. The 45 days after Feb. 19 would put it at April 5.

Both Trustee John Tuinstra and Clerk Debbie Sewers indicated they were sorry to see Stanton go.

"It was hard for me," Sewers said. "I didn't want to see him go. I think he's done a good job."

Tuinstra refused to accept Stanton's resignation in a role call vote.

Stanton did not disclose in his letter to the board why he resigned. He also served on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The board agreed to place advertisements with the Allegan County News & Gazette and Jon the township's web site as soon as possible.

They said they would like to have the seat filled at the next board meeting Thursday, March 19.

In other business Thursday night, the Township Board:

• Approved a request from the Dorr Business Association to have the annual "Christmas in Dorr" party at the new township hall rather than outdoors because the weather can one rather sporting and unpredictable.

• Learned from Fire Chief Gary Fordham that the department continues to break records on the number of runs. He said the reason essentially is that firefighters now respond to medical calls.

• Was told the township has paid $191,700 for road improvements and paving on 24th Street, chipping in half the cost, sharing the bill with Salem Township.

• Was told by Mike Garland of the Parks Committee that North and South Parks west of the downtown have suffered about $1,500 in damages from vandalism. Garland also noted there are two seats on the Parks Committee up for election, along with the treasurer's seat now held by Sheila Reitz.

• Agreed to have United Bank handle all of the township's finances as a repository.

Editor's note: This story is courtesy of TownBroadcast

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

Growing up, sometimes it seemed like the world was a very frightening place. That was especially true when we heard what has come to be called Old Wives Tales that were full of warnings. This week's question: Which ones do you remember?

-Woman near the Fennville hardware store: "Mother used to warn us never to swallow chewing gum because it would stay in your body for years, decades." Laughs. "I still think of it. And no, I still don't swallow!"

-Another woman, same location: "Step on a crack and you'll break your mother's back. That one scared me for years, and I was very careful. Just down the street from us was a broken sidewalk, and I always walked on the other side of the street."

-Man near the Fennville grocery store: "You have to eat lots of carrots or you'll be wearing glasses. Eat spinach to be strong."

-Man near the Allegan public library: "I accidently broke a hand mirror when I was a kid, and my sister told me I was going to have seven years bad luck. The only bad luck I had was having her as a mean big sister."

-Man near A-Tech: "My mother said if we sat too close to the TV set it would ruin my eyes. I hope that doesn't apply to computer screen!" Laughed.

-Couple near the County Court House; Woman: "If a bird flies into your house, someone is going to die before the next rain storm. That one gave me nightmares." Man: "If you don't close your bedroom closet doors the monsters will come out and get you." Woman: "I think you still believe that. You're obsessed about closing doors in the house! Now I know why."

-Man near the Huntington Bank: "Save up your change and buy Savings Stamps so you can buy bonds and retire early."

-Woman: "You get what you pay for. Cheap is cheap, but don't waste your money on luxuries. I still haven't figured out that one."

-Woman in front Allegan City Hall: "Black cats are bad luck. If you see one you have to turn around three times and jump once. Oh, and walking under a ladder is bad luck, too."

-Man, same location: "Mother would get hysterical if anyone put their hat on the dining room table. It wasn't until later that I learned she had an uncle with head lice, so I guess it made sense."

-Woman in front of Sassy Olive: "Mother said to marry young because two can live as cheap as one. I think she just wanted me out of the house because it doesn't work that way."

-Woman with her: "It was my grandmother who warned me that when I started a family to never have a cat in the house on account of the fact that cats are jealous and hate babies and will suck the breath out of them."

-First woman, again: "So that explains why you never wanted children, but now you have, what, six cats?"

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Obituaries

Paul Henry Smith

Paul Henry Smith was born in Grand Rapids, MI, June 5th 1947. He grew up in Hudsonville, MI on the "Smith Farm" and passed away in Dorr, MI, February 18th, 2026. Paul is best remembered for his sense of humor, his love of science, and curiosity. He went back to school in his 30's, with 6 children, got his GED and a college degree in Anthropology. Paul's picture is in the Grand Rapids Public Museum, working under Dr. Flanders for Grand Valley State University's Anthropology Lab excavating Smitty the mastodon. Paul later became a cultural anthropologist for Eastern African Cultures and started a travel agency with his wife Susie in Dorr, MI to help the Kikuyu people of Kenya. Professionally and in his heart he was also a

Paul Henry Smith

cabinetmaker, and restored many houses in Grand Rapids and made furniture for Jenison Manufacturing. He loved music and was an accomplished musician, minoring in classical guitar at university. When he was young, he even had a band named the Yeomen - for years the band's picture hung in Farrows Music. He loved to play with his kids, teaching them music theory, piano, and guitar. While going to college he was a "house husband" and proud of taking care of the house and his kids. Paul is especially remembered for his devotion to his wife and love of his life Susie, who he met growing up in Hudsonville.

He was preceded in death by his parents Laura and Herman Smith, his wife Susie Smith, sister Loia Lee Smith, and foster son Timothy Julien. He is survived by his children Alexandria Schreiber (Michael Lindsey), Michelle Radeck, Laura Smith-Velazquez (Matthew Velazquez), David Smith, and foster son David McCowan (Patricia McCowan).

Preston Lee Taylor

Preston Lee Taylor of Allegan, MI passed away on Monday, February 23, 2026 at the age of 76. He was born August 19, 1949 in Chambersburg, PA, to George P Taylor Jr and Caroline (Giambra) Taylor.

Preston graduated from Penn State University in 1969 with an AAS degree in Mechanical Engineering. He started his career as a draftsman at Republic Steel in Youngstown Ohio, then moved on to New Orleans, LA where he prepared mechanical drawings for barges. He spent the rest of his career in New Jersey, working mostly for Bell Laboratories as a computer-aided design draftsman.

Preston was introduced to hot air ballooning by a helicopter pilot friend who flew shuttles from NYC airports to Newark and Teterboro, NJ. Preston obtained his commercial Balloon Pilot's license in 1975. He, along with his brother, Rob (also a balloon pilot), spent many years participating in ballooning events/competitions in NY, NJ, and Ohio. The highlight of his experiences was when he visited Brian Boland in Vermont for a Memorial Day weekend. Boland was legendary in homebuilt balloons, having built and flown more than 100 hot air balloons, piloting them all over the globe and breaking world records. While visiting Boland at his residence and airport at Post Mills, CT, Preston hung out with the other "balloonitics," and helped inflate the hot air airship (similar to the Goodyear Blimp) that Boland had designed and built in his barn/airship hangar. Preston's most eventful trip involved a balloon competition over the Long Island Sound. Preston and a friend who was with him were soon going to be headed out to sea. Preston did the only thing he could: he landed the balloon in the only viable location, a golf course during a tournament. Needless to say, the participants were not impressed.

Preston Lee Taylor

Preston's other passion was skiing. His sister, Regina, introduced him to skiing in Michigan. He, in turn, introduced her to skiing the Canadian Rockies, at Alberta's Lake Louise in 1988, a few weeks after the Winter Olympics were hosted in Calgary. Preston also skied Whistler Mountain, British Columbia, Park City UT, Jackson Hole WY, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York and New Jersey, as well as France, Austria, Switzerland and Italy, his favorite being Mont Blanc in the French Alps.

His other interests were art (including creating hot air balloon miniatures with walnut shells, toothpicks and string), and attending Grand Prix races and drag strips.

Preston was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Robert. He is survived by his sister, Regina Beck of Allegan, MI; sister Cynthia (Anthony) Caputo of Hightstown, NJ; nephew Christopher Caputo of Hamilton, NJ; numerous cousins, and friends who will miss his quick wit and dry sense of humor.

Cremation has taken place. A private memorial service will be held at a future date. Memorial donations may be made to Nicole McAndrew, Scarlett's Cat Sanctuary and Furry Friends Pet Recovery, 9981 112th Ave, West Olive MI 49460.

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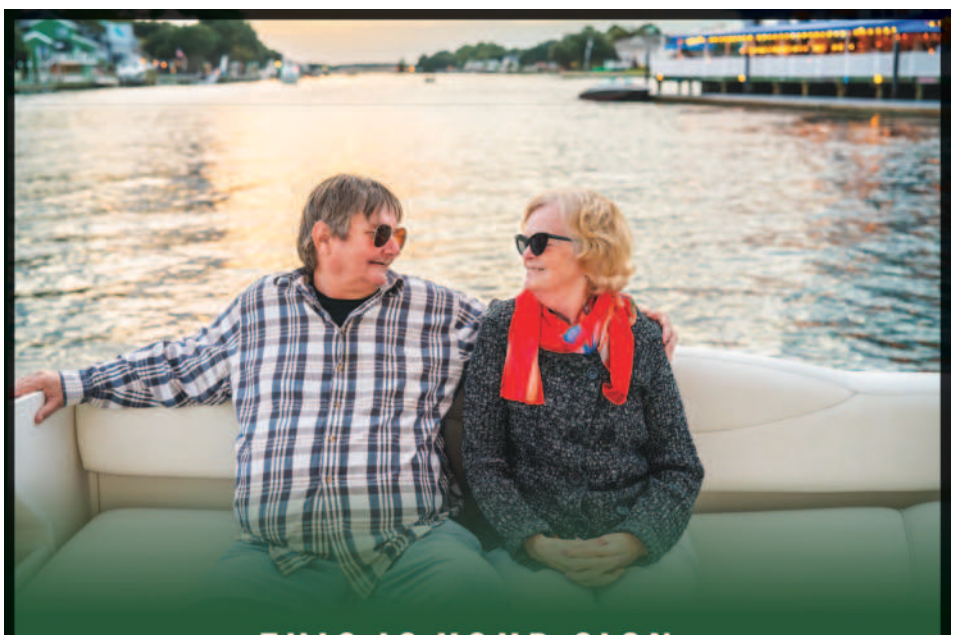

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Energy Saving Tips for Lower Bills and Greater Efficiency

As utility costs continue to fluctuate, many households are looking for practical ways to reduce energy use without sacrificing comfort. Small adjustments in daily routines, combined with a few strategic upgrades, can significantly lower monthly bills while also reducing environmental impact.

One of the simplest ways to conserve energy is by adjusting thermostat settings. Lowering the temperature a few degrees in the winter and raising it slightly in the summer can produce noticeable savings over time. Programmable or smart thermostats allow homeowners to automatically adjust temperatures when the house is empty or overnight, preventing unnecessary energy use.

Lighting choices also make a measurable difference. Replacing traditional incandescent bulbs with LED alternatives reduces electricity consumption and extends bulb lifespan. Turning off lights when leaving a room and taking advantage of natural daylight during peak hours further cuts down on usage.

Heating and cooling systems account for a large portion of household energy expenses. Scheduling regular maintenance ensures systems operate efficiently. Replacing air filters every few months improves airflow and reduces strain on furnaces and air conditioners. Sealing gaps around windows and doors with weatherstripping or caulk can prevent drafts that force systems to work harder.

Appliances offer additional opportunities for savings. Running dishwashers and washing machines with full loads maximizes efficiency. Washing clothes in cold water whenever possible reduces the energy required for heating. Unplugging electronics or using power strips helps eliminate standby power, which can quietly increase energy bills over time.

Water heating is another major contributor to energy consumption. Lowering the water heater temperature to a safe but moderate setting can reduce costs. Installing low-flow showerheads and faucets conserves both water and the energy needed to heat it.

For those considering larger improvements, upgrading to energy-efficient appliances or improving home insulation can deliver long-term savings. Many utility providers and government programs offer rebates or incentives for energy-efficient upgrades, making investments more affordable.

Energy conservation does not require drastic lifestyle changes. Consistent, mindful habits combined with targeted improvements can lead to meaningful reductions in energy use. By taking proactive steps, households can lower expenses, extend the lifespan of equipment, and contribute to a more sustainable future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Body cams

Dear Editor:

The debate over body cameras for all types of law enforcement personnel (local police, State, Federal, … National Guard) is a great idea. But that only addresses half of the current demonstration participants. The other half are the Non-Law Enforcement Persons (NLEP). To be fair and equitable, shouldn't all those involved in demonstrations have body cams?

Law enforcement persons are issued body cams and are responsible for their operation and maintenance. The body cam is part of their employment obligation and paid for with tax dollars. Law enforcement persons are screened, finger printed and photographed for identification. They also have unique identifying uniforms. Body cam videos are submitted for public review.

On the other hand, NLEP demonstrators have no body cams. To be fair and equitable, how about all NLEP demonstrators and official news media reporters be required to have body cams? All that would be needed is to have them register showing identification, figure printed and photographed just like law enforcement personnel. Funding would be provided by the groups, currently unknown, now paying for local or national demonstrations; uniforms not required. Body cam videos would be submitted for public review.

It's known that persons joining local demonstrations are coming from many places; NLEP are flown in, signs provided, … and news media alerted via internet encrypted computer internet message applications. Sounds mysterious too; communications coming from hidden sinister persons or companies wishing and acting with evil against the United States. Supporting these actions and enabling demonstration diversity are Sanctuary States, Cities and Towns. Even elected officials support demonstration diversity like the following: burning down buildings, driving over law enforcement personnel, smashing property, … assaulting anyone.

A brief history of Sanctuary Policies.

The creation of sanctuary status in the United States can be traced to the early 1980s, primarily as a response to refugees fleeing civil wars in countries like Guatemala and Salvador. This movement was rooted in religious philosophy providing protection to refugees. The faith-based Sanctuary Movement established this status advocating for the rights and safety of foreigners while ignoring U.S. immigration laws.

I'm wondering, could anyone use a Sanctuary Declaration? It seems what's needed is for those in charge to have a meeting take a vote for Sanctuary Status than announce this sanctuary position to the public, everyone. There is probably some written record of the vote needed but that's not a problem; just send out an email. Done and done. Apparently, any and all with a Sanctuary Declaration would be exempt from the following inconvenient laws:

State Taxes, Federal Taxes, Property Taxes, … ability to ignore speed limits, … or fill a shopping cart without paying.

A Sanctuary Declaration sounds really cool and religiously motivated too. Of course, a question remains, are Sanctuary Declarations legal, even Unconstitutional? We'll soon find out.

Philip Zamlynski

Withhold support, send Trump packing

To the Editor:

States Conduct our National Elections …not the man-boy who cries wolf! There has always been distrust of political parties, conservative and liberal. It's the reason the party in control often gets crushed come elections. In our House of Representatives with 435 members, the controlling party often loses dozens of seats; loses in the Senate are typically fewer as each state has just two Senators, with only 100 total, but very important.

Mr Trump is acutely aware that his majority in both the House of Representatives and the Senate could easily be lost, in which case his control of most government activity could be severely constrained. The controlling party sets the agenda, the minority party looks on with little say.

Mr Trump's greatest fear, which he himself acknowledges, is that he will be impeached for the third time, maybe even removed from office; his removal would require a two-thirds vote of the Senate, after impeachment.

This could happen! As we're pretty much divided equally, the loss of both houses of Congress could easily occur. Even worse, Mr Trump's unconstitutional and likely criminal behavior has cost him support with many voter groups, particularly among young, independent, and ethnically and environmentally oriented voters. Constitutionally removing Mr Trump is clearly possible. Our guarantees of individual freedom, free speech, assembly, and protections to our lives and property so clearly stated in our constitution would be upheld. The America that we love, that treasures democratic rule, can reject a racist autocrat who acts as if he has unlimited power.

That his appeal to "make American great again" was from its first utterance a false premise, appealing to the darkest (dystopian) views of life on earth. For 250 years our America has thrived and continues to strive to uphold the ideals of our Constitution. In total, Americans have shown to be a kind and generous people, exhibiting a character fully opposite that of Mr Trump.

Knowing that his reign could soon be over Mr Trump is making a full-out attack on the ability of our States to conduct honest elections. The truth is that our elections, the exclusive province of each individual State, are overwhelmingly properly conducted, from start to final count with the tiniest fraction of errors.

Mr Trump's attack on our elections are lies. As were his lies about his 2020 election loss, of Obama not being a US citizen, etc, etc. The damage already done to our constitutional government has been enormous.

The best response to the anger and disgust that so many feel about the state of our nation is best expressed by our vote.

By withholding all support for each and every candidate for elected office of Mr Trump's Party will send a message. No to the hate, the lies, no to their racist efforts to erase history. No to the selfish and destructive efforts that continue daily in domestic and foreign affairs.

The outlook for complete loss of our freedoms could not be more urgent. Mr Trump has demonstrated that he will stop at nothing to make himself all powerful, no matter the cost.

Jim and Linda Kauppi
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Sports

Allegan falls to top-ranked Dundee in quarterfinals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

KALAMAZOO—The scoreboard told one story during the Division 3 boys wrestling state quarter between Allegan and Dundee Friday, Feb. 27, at Wings Event Center.

The Tigers told another.

Top-ranked Dundee—the No. 1 team in Division 3 and the top-ranked program across all MHSAA divisions—defeated No. 8 Allegan 70-3 in the Division 3 state quarterfinals.

But late in the dual, with the outcome long decided, Ryan Sparks gave the Tigers something to celebrate.

Sparks secured a hard-fought 12-10 decision at 165 pounds over Avery Lane, and the Allegan bench erupted as if a state title had just been clinched.

Coaches and teammates leapt to their feet, cheering and embracing—a moment that reflected pride in the performance rather than the team score.

Allegan's Ryan Sparks (top) won his match in the Division 3 quarterfinals, earning the 12-10 decision. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Dundee's dominance was no surprise. The Vikings went on to defeat Lakewood 63-6 in the semifinals and Yale 60-6 in the state finals, underscoring just how deep and powerful the program is.

Prior to the match, Allegan head coach Chase Beard acknowledged the challenge awaiting his team.

"Due to our lineup never seeing its full potential because of injuries, sicknesses and moves, we lost some duals early on that resulted in us getting seeded No. 8," Beard said. "Our first duel will be against the No. 1 ranked all-division, Dundee. It is almost certain the Tigers will not be moving on to the state semifinal, but we will go out there and represent our school and town as best as we can."

The Tigers did just that.

Allegan finished the season 31-5 despite navigating what Beard described as one of the most challenging years in recent memory.

"Making it to state is a big deal for us this year, not because it is our second year in a row as regional champions, but because of all the challenges we faced this season," Beard said. "We have had a multitude of injuries, sicknesses, and two wrestlers move to another state in the middle of the season, which caused many changes to our varsity lineup."

Despite the adversity, Allegan captured a second straight regional title to earn the trip to the quarterfinals.

"What has made the biggest impact on Allegan's success is building relationships with the wrestlers, their families and the assistant coaches to help create a new culture for Allegan Wrestling," Beard said.

Even against a powerhouse like Dundee, the Tigers competed through every weight class. Treydan VanderKooi pushed Stone Redmon to an 11-9 decision at 150 pounds before Sparks delivered the Tigers' lone victory of the afternoon.

While the season ended short of the semifinals, Allegan's back-to-back regional championships and return trips to the state quarterfinals signal that the Tigers are once again establishing themselves among Division 3's consistent contenders.

And if the reaction to Sparks' victory was any indication, the pride inside the Allegan program runs far deeper than a final score.

Plainwell swim & dive defends conference championship

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL—The Southern Central Conference boys swim finals returned to Plainwell on Saturday, Feb. 28.

And the host Trojans made sure the celebration stayed home.

Plainwell captured its second straight conference championship — and did so in style — scoring 551 points to outdistance Allegan (389) and Otsego (348) inside the Plainwell Field House pool, which opened last year and hosted the league finals for the first time.

The Trojans' depth once again proved decisive, but the meet also featured a pair of historic individual performances from Plainwell's Sam Harper and Otsego's Liam Smith.

Harper rewrote two conference records, winning the 200-yard freestyle in 1:41.99 and the 500 freestyle in 4:40.01, both times establishing new SCC meet marks

Smith matched that feat with records of his own. The Otsego senior set new league standards in the 200 IM (1:50.52) and 100 butterfly (48.57), continuing one of the most dominant conference careers in recent memory.

With the two victories, Smith finished his career a perfect 8-for-8 in individual conference finals events — two titles each season — and 8-for-8 as part of relay teams. The five-time state champion, who will swim next year at the University of Florida and has Olympic aspirations, capped his SCC career the only way he knows how: by touching the wall first.

Harper also contributed to Plainwell's winning 200 freestyle relay, while the Trojans collected key points throughout the lineup, including strong showings in diving, backstroke and relays.

Allegan's balanced effort helped the Tigers secure runner-up honors. Oliver Burnett captured the 50 freestyle in 22.05 and later won the 100 freestyle in 48.46, while Corbin Chopp added a victory in the 100 breaststroke. The Tigers' 200 freestyle relay team narrowly edged Plainwell in a tightly contested race, finishing just a tenth of a second ahead in one of the meet's closest finishes.

Members of the Plainwell swim & dive team celebrate after defending their conference championship. The Trojans hosted the meet this year. (Photo provided)

Other local individual event winners included Plainwell's Aidan Ranger, who captured the 1-meter diving title with a score of 368.60, and teammate Ben Sparks, who won the 100 backstroke in 56.20.

Otsego's strength extended beyond Smith, as the Bulldogs won the 200 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay to complement his individual titles.

In all, the top three teams—Plainwell, Allegan and Otsego—accounted for 23 of the 24 first- and second-place finishes across individual events and relays, underscoring the strength of the conference's western division programs.

But on this day, in a facility still new to the league's biggest stage, it was Plainwell lifting the trophy once again.

Hamilton runs past Allegan on hardwood

Hamilton's Sarah Brink is fouled by Allegan's Sammy Smith during a Division 2 district opener. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

HAMILTON—The postseason couldn't have gotten off to a much better start for the Hamilton girls basketball team.

Hosting Allegan for a Division 2 district opener on Monday, March 2, the Hawkeyes jumped out to an 18-0 lead after one quarter.

That quick start helped propel Hamilton to the 51-3 win and a spot in the district semifinals against state-ranked Otsego on Wednesday, March 4.

The winner of that semifinal contest is slated to take on the winner of the other semifinal game between Hopkins and South Haven. The district final will tip off at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 6, at Hamilton.

Leah Brink and Brooke Petroelje led the early charge for Hamilton (5-17).

Brink scored nine of her game-best 11 points in the opening quarter. Meanwhile, Petroelje scored five of her seven points in the frame, including one of Hamilton's two 3-pointers for the game.

Christine Rithamel accounted for the Hawkeyes' other triple, finding the mark in the third quarter.

Hamilton's lead stood at 33-3 at halftime and 44-3 heading to the final frame.

Breanna White knocked down a 3-pointer in the second period for Allegan (4-16), accounting for the Tigers' points.

Kelsey Mersman joined Petroelje with seven points in the win, while Emma Slotman had eight points. Joselyn Paskvan (six points), Sarah Brink (five points) and Paige Kleinheksel (four points) also scored for Hamilton.

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Ethan Fitzpatrick
Martin
Boys Basketball

The season came to an end for the Martin boys basketball team on Wednesday, Feb. 25, as the Clippers fell to host Lawrence in a district semifinal.

Martin senior Ethan Fitzpatrick made sure his final prep game on the hardwood was a good one.

Fitzpatrick scored 20 points, snagged five rebounds and dished out three assists to do his part in giving the Clippers a chance.

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Rewa earns All-State at Division 1 Ski Finals

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

BOYNE FALLS—A year after capturing a state championship, Saugatuck senior Neave Rewa once again proved she belongs among Michigan's elite skiers.

Competing for Grand Haven as part of a co-op, Rewa placed third in both the slalom and giant slalom at the Division 1 MHSAA Girls Ski Finals on Monday at Boyne Mountain, earning Division 1 First Team All-State honors in both disciplines.

In the slalom, Rewa opened with a blazing first run of 34.12 seconds—the fastest time in the field—before posting a 35.98 on her second run for a combined time of 70.10, good for third overall.

She followed that performance with another podium finish in the giant slalom. Rewa recorded runs of 37.27 and 34.86 for a total time of 72.13, again placing third in Division 1 competition.

"Congratulations, Neave," the district said in a social media post. "We are so proud."

Rewa's performance continues an impressive skiing résumé that already includes last year's Division 1 slalom state championship.

Saugatuck does not field a ski team, which is why Rewa competes for the Grand Haven.

And her season is not over.

Rewa has qualified once again to represent Team Michigan at the Eastern High School Championships, scheduled for March 4–8 at Attitash Mountain in New Hampshire.

For a standout soccer player who also holds school records on the pitch, Rewa continues to demonstrate that her athletic talents extend well beyond one sport.

Clippers fall to St. Phil

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MARTIN—The regular season ended the way the postseason will start for the Martin girls basketball team: hosting Battle Creek St. Philip.

And if the regular-season finale that took place on Thursday, Feb. 26, is any indication, the district showdown on Wednesday, March 4, should be quite the battle.

The score was deadlocked at 38-38 through three quarters before St. Phil used a 17-9 edge in the final frame to hand the Clippers the 55-47 loss.

"We played a tough and well-coached team in St. Philip tonight and they pulled out a hard-fought win," Martin coach Eric Zudweg said. "I thought we played well most the game, but we gave up some easy baskets late and the shots weren't falling late."

Anna Jager shined the loss, scoring a game-best 19 points. Torryn Harris added a double-double with10 points and 11 rebounds, while Kayden Jager had nine points.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, Martin traveled to Gobles and secured the 47-42 win.

Trailing 17-13 after one quarter and 23-22 at halftime, the Clippers used an 11-7 edge in the third stanza to take the lead.

"Our girls showed a lot of toughness and grit tonight," Zudweg said. "Gobles is a really good team and they came out firing and got off to a 16-6 lead on us, but our girls battled and cut the lead to one at halftime.

"We played composed at the end of the game and made some big free throws and shots down the stretch to help us hold them off."

Harris went 3-of-4 at the line in the fourth quarter to finish with 11 points and six rebounds. Alley Bacon led the way with 14 points, while Kayden Jager gave Martin a third double-digit scorer with 10 points and six rebounds.

Maggie Jager chipped in with six points and 10 rebounds.

Kayden Jager handles the ball for Martin in a recent game. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Blackhawks come up short

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—During the regular season, the Fennville girls basketball team posted a 49-42 win over Holland Black River.

The Blackhawks were hoping for a repeat performance when they squared off with the Rats in a Division 3 district opener on Monday, March 2. But Black River had other ideas.

Fennville fell behind 17-2 after one quarter and was unable to recover in suffering the 55-38 season-ending loss.

Ceeley Howard played well for Fennville, scoring 18 points. Amiyah Johnson added 11 points.

Fennville faced deficits of 31-11 at halftime and 50-23 after three quarters. Despite that margin, the Blackhawks continued to battle, holding a 15-5 scoring edge in the final frame.

But it wasn't enough.

Fennville closed out the regular season with a tough 37-35 overtime loss against Coloma on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

The Blackhawks led 16-8 at the end of the opening stanza. But Coloma chipped away, narrowing the gap to 26-25 after three quarters and knotting the score at 31-31 to force overtime.

Johnson went for a team-best 16 points in the loss, with Howard was close behind with 15 points.

Adriana Hicks snags a rebound for Fennville in the district game against Black River. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

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Trailblazers finish regular season with win over G-A

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GALESBURG—Saugatuck girls basketball coach Kevin Tringali and his team wanted to close out the regular season on a high note.

Mission accomplished.

The Trailblazers outscored host Galesburg-Augusta by at least five points in every quarter to cruise to the 63-37 victory on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

With win was the 13th straight for state-ranked Saugatuck (21-1), which continued its dominance in the SAC North. The Trailblazers have a 27-game winning streak in the division spanning three seasons.

"It's been a phenomenal regular season," Saugatuck coach Kevin Tringali said. "Our girls have given us everything we could ask from them. They are an absolute joy to coach."

Tali Laskowski, a First Team All-State honoree last year, continued her quest for state honors again this year.

Laskowski scored a game-high 23 points on 10-of-14 shooting (71 percent) from the field, including a 3-of-7 showing from beyond the 3-point arc. She also had nine rebounds, which was second on the team to the 13 pulled down by freshman Charlee Gustafson.

Junior Mylah Simpson, an honorable mention All-State selection as a sophomore last year, added 13 points and team highs for six assists and five blocks.

Ada Roth gave Saugatuck a third double-digit scorer with 10 points, while Penny Grob chipped in with nine points and four assists.

Saugatuck led 20-18 at halftime and 48-31 after three quarters.

And while pleased with the regular season results, Tringali and his players have their sights set on an extended postseason run.

"The girls understand the work and goals still in front of them, so from this point forward it's all about being prepared mentally and physically for the postseason," Tringali said. "I know our team is up for the challenge."

Saugatuck senior Penny Grob drives to the basket during a recent game for the Trailblazers. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Trojans qualify for State

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GRAND RAPIDS—The Plainwell competitive cheer team is headed back to the Division 2 State Finals.

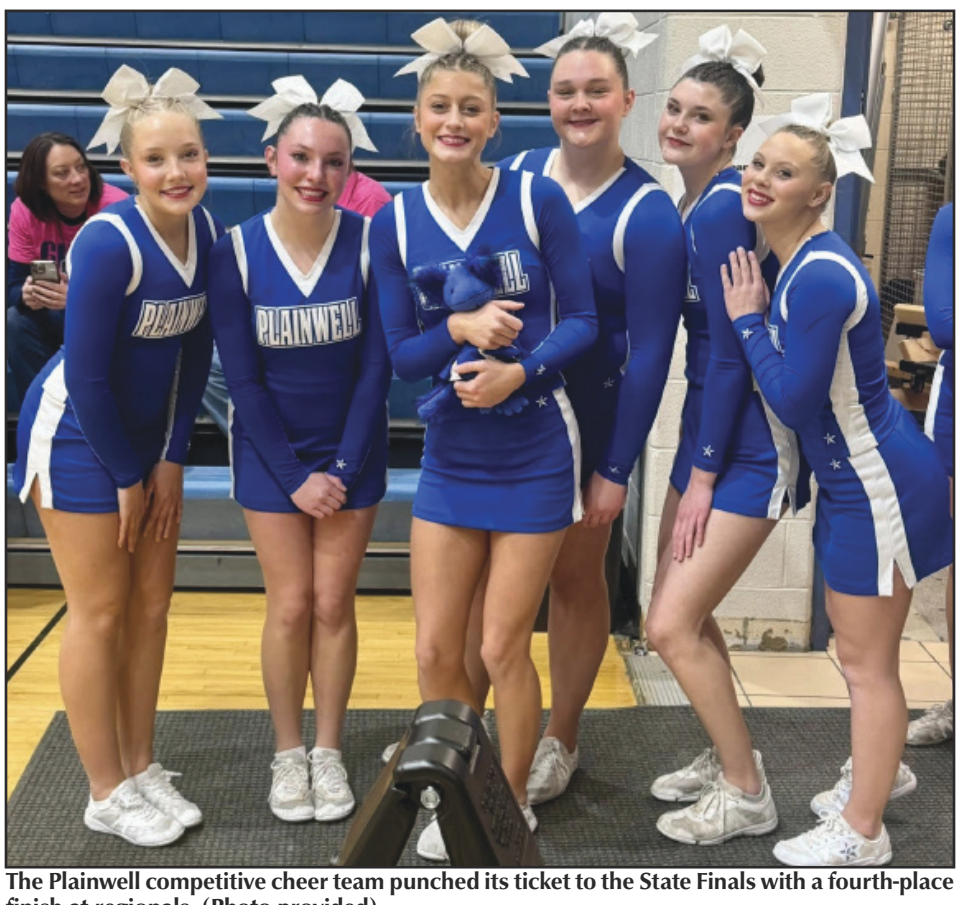
The Trojans placed fourth Saturday at the MHSAA Division 2 Regional at Forest Hills Northern High School, earning the final qualifying spots with a total score of 751.82

Mason won the regional title with 771.36, followed by Middleville Thornapple Kellogg (759.58) and Zeeland West (753.64), while Plainwell secured the final automatic berth ahead of fifth-place Grand Rapids Northview (749.08)

Plainwell opened the day strong in Round 1, posting a 228.80. Trojans followed with a 219.92 in Round 2 and scored 303.1 in round three.

The Trojans will now compete at the Division 2 State Finals at McGuirk Arena on the campus of Central Michigan University on Saturday, March 7 at 3:30 p.m.

Eight teams will take the mat in Mount Pleasant, with Plainwell looking to build on its strong regional performance and carry that momentum into the final weekend of the season.



The Plainwell competitive cheer team punched its ticket to the State Finals with a fourth-place finish at regionals. (Photo provided)

Shorthanded Bulldogs fall

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

VICKSBURG—That this point, Otsego boys basketball coach Matt Dennis might be feeling a little snake bit.

And how could blame him.

For the second year in a row, sickness hit his team at playoff time, as the shorthanded Bulldogs dropped a 71-39 decision to Wolverine Conference rival Paw Paw in a Division 2 district semifinal on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

The team was without the services of Wyatt Dennis, Max Mercer and Kal-El Leonard due to the flu. Jack Cook played and "gave us everything he had," according to Matt Dennis, but he wasn't 100 percent, either.

"Paw Paw was senior dominant and they outplayed us," Matt Dennis said. "They deserved the win.

"If there's one thing I'm frustrated about, it's going into districts shorthanded for the second year in a row. Our guys work tremendously hard, so it's a bummer when they have to miss tournament time."

Otsego, finished the season at 8-15, was a young team, with only two seniors: Colin Fitzpatrick and Roman Busscher. That means the majority of players will return next season, carrying the lessons learned from this year.

"Overall, I'm pleased with our season," Matt Dennis said. "Our players grew a lot. Most of our tough losses came against senior-heavy teams. When we played teams whose best players were sophomores and juniors, we either won or had a real chance to win.

"We will return almost all of our scoring and playmakers, so Otsego basketball should look quite a bit different next season."

Leeland Longcore led Otsego with 15 points, while Merrill Bailey had seven and Fitzpatrick chipped in with five.

Otsego's Owen Santman goes up for a shot in a regular-season game. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Sweeting, Fitzpatrick combine for 41 points in Martin loss

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

LAWRENCE—Blake Sweeting and Ethan Fitzpatrick combined for 41 points for Martin in the Division 4 boys basketball district semifinal with host Lawrence on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

Unfortunately for the Clippers, that wasn't quite enough to prevent a season-ending loss.

Martin fell behind 19-13 after one quarter and never could dig out of that early hole in suffering the 65-50 loss.

The Clippers ended the season at 6-18.

Despite being disappointed with the final score, Martin coach Corby Callaway was not disappointed with the effort he received from his team.

"We battled all night," he said. "Our guys never quit playing. We executed pretty well. We just could never get a run going."

Lawrence, on the other hand, had that run in the first quarter to take the early lead. Martin narrowed the gap to 28-25 at halftime, with the Tigers going up 41-34 after three quarters.

But any hope of a comeback by the Clippers ended in the final frame, as Lawrence held a 24-16 scoring edge.

"Credit to Lawrence," Callaway said. "They hit some shots that kept us from closing the gap."

Sweeting finished with 21 points and 15 rebounds, while Fitzpatrick added 20 points and five rebounds.

Jackson Kennedy had 15 rebounds and Jason Marshall went for nine assists.

"Blake was great again for us," Callaway said. "Ethan and Jackson end their careers with a 20-point game and a 15-rebound game, respectively. And Jason did a great job facilitating again tonight.

"I'm excited to get our guys back in the gym. I miss it already."

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Artists invited to register for 2026 Plainwell Art Hop

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Are you an artist? Would you like to have your work featured in the upcoming Plainwell Art Hop?

If so, now is the time to act.

Ransom District Library is serving as a sponsor for the 2026 Plainwell Art Hop and is currently accepting artist registrations for the annual downtown event, which will take place Friday, April 17, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.

The Art Hop pairs local artists with downtown businesses for an evening that celebrates creativity, community and the arts, drawing residents and visitors alike to explore Plainwell's downtown.

Artists interested in participating must complete a registration form and submit it by Friday, March 20. Forms are available on the homepage of the Ransom District Library website.

Completed forms, along with four to five JPEG images of the artist's work, should be emailed to patronservices@ransomlibrary.org or dropped off at Ransom District Library, 180 S. Sherwood Ave., Plainwell

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According to the registration information, artists will be juried and assigned to available venues throughout downtown. Selected artists will receive a stipend for their participation.

The form asks artists to provide details about their medium, the type of pieces they plan to display, space requirements and estimated setup time. Artists are responsible for bringing any necessary display materials unless other arrangements are made with their assigned venue.

For more information, visit the Ransom District Library website at ransomlibrary.org.

Art work from a previous Art Hop can be seen. This year's Art Hop is scheduled for Friday, April 17, in downtown Plainwell. (Photos provided)

City of Plainwell seeks proposals for development of North Main property

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL — The City of Plainwell is inviting proposals for the purchase and development of approximately 1.02 acres of city-owned property along North Main Street.

The parcel, located at 761 N. Main St. and identified as Parcel No. 55-019-002-01, is zoned C-2 General Business and is being offered for sale through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

City officials say they are seeking qualified individuals, developers and businesses interested in putting the property to productive use. The site measures approximately 66 feet by 642 feet, with utilities available at the road.

According to the RFP, proposals will be evaluated not only on the purchase price offered — which must be stated as price per acre and total purchase price — but also on the quality, feasibility and community value of the proposed development.

"A premium will be placed on proposals that demonstrate a clear commitment to productive use and timely development of the property," the City stated in its RFP announcement.

Proposals must include a detailed description of the intended use. For business developments, applicants are asked to outline the nature of the business, products or services offered, anticipated clientele, estimated number of employees and hours of operation.

Submissions must also include a conceptual site development plan showing building size, parking, landscaping and access points, along with a projected development timeline from closing through construction and occupancy.

The City will also consider developer qualifications, relevant experience and examples of similar projects.

Evaluation criteria include purchase price per acre, specificity of the development plan, feasibility and financial capacity, development timeline and overall economic and community benefit.

The property will be sold "as-is," and prospective purchasers are encouraged to conduct their own due diligence. A purchase agreement approved by the City will be required, and development milestones may be included as part of the agreement.

Proposals must be submitted by noon on March 13, 2026, to Plainwell City Hall, 211 N. Main St., Attn: JoAnn Leonard, or via email at jleonard@plainwell.org.

Questions may be directed to City Manager Justin Lakamper at jlakamper@plainwell.org.

City officials note that they reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, request additional information and negotiate terms in the best interest of the City.

Board to consider appointment

By John Raffel
Correspondent

Among the pieces of action anticipated by the Plainwell City council is an appointment to the DDA board for a partial term ending June 30, 2026. Appointments are made by the Mayor, and subject to confirmation from Council. The board was to onsider approving the Mayor's appointment of Rimante Grigaliunas to the DDA Board.

The City of Plainwell, using grant funds awarded through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), offers a Revolving Loan program to qualifying small businesses within the City. This program provides low-interest loans to help finance building improvements, support job creation, and promote long-term business success.

The availability of these funds encourages investment in commercial properties and supports continued growth and economic development throughout the City. An applicant's ability to repay the loan, available collateral, proposed use of loan proceeds, and the public benefit—such as job creation, property improvements, and support of long-term economic development—are all to be considered when reviewing the application for approval.

Drew Doster and Molly Allen-Doster, owners of Doster Real Estate, have applied for a $10,000 loan with the intention of making improvements to the property located at 145 E Bridge Street, which they plan to later open as Doster Brewing. City Staff and the DDA Board have reviewed and recommend approval of the loan. The Council will consider approving the Small Business Loan Application from Doster Real Estate in the amount of $10,000.

County makes changes to senior home-delivered meals

By Gari Voss

The Allegan County Board of Commissioners approved the continuation of the Home Delivery Meals to eligible seniors. In a conversation with Dan Wedge, the Deputy County Administrator of Services, he wanted to emphasize that the program, which is funded through the Commission on Aging and voter approved millage, is continuing with a wider variety of meals for the recipients. The updated service model is designed to improve reliability, expand flexibility for participants, and ensure the long-term sustainability of services for local seniors.

Seniors will be able to select from a menu of nutritious frozen meals, which are an expansion of the current offerings. The offerings will allow individuals to choose items that best meet their dietary needs and daily schedule. The number of meals received each week will be the same as the previous service with deliveries made three days a week.

Wedge shared that Home Delivered Meals is one of five core services funded through the Senior Millage and administered by the Allegan County Senior Services Department. Therefore, the In-Home Support program can provide additional interaction and services for seniors in need beyond meal delivery.

"This change allows us to serve seniors more flexibly and reliably while remaining responsible stewards of the senior millage funds," said Sally Heavener, Commission on Aging Chair. "Our priority remains helping older adults live safely and independently in their homes."

Senior Services staff will continue to provide guidance and direct support to participants throughout the transition process, which will occur between March and April 2026. The focus will be on maintaining service continuity without delivery gaps and will provide automatic enrollment for existing clients, so they are not required to reenroll.

Meals on Wheels Western Michigan (MOWWM), a community-based non-profit with headquarters in Grandville, currently serves seniors in Allegan County under the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan. They will expand their reach into Allegan County by providing the home-delivery meal service that is currently being offered through Community Action of Allegan County (CAAC).

While Wedge emphasized that the transition to MOWWM would offer a wider variety of meals and schedule flexibility for seniors, a conversation with Lisa Evans, the director of CAAC, accentuated concerns.

Currently, the senior meals are being prepared by Milestone Senior Services in Kalamazoo. The delivery of hot meals, not frozen, is done daily by drivers organized by CAAC.

"Because our deliveries are daily, our drivers are making connections with the seniors that intermittent deliveries cannot achieve," explained Evans. "Though we are reimbursed only for delivering hot meals, our team notices numerous other needs of our clients. This is often the only contact the senior has each day. They rely on this, and while we make a well check, we 'bundle services'. Drivers notice if something is not working properly or if a repair needs to be made for safety purposes. Programs at CAAC can assist with many of these needs, and family members feel comfort in knowing that their loved ones are receiving daily attention."

When considering frozen meals, Evans is skeptical. Many of the seniors have health concerns. Their vision is failing, or they have the beginning of dementia. To go to the freezer and locate a frozen food offering may be difficult. They may not be able to read the label or ingredients or how to repair the meal. Some have difficulties using a microwave or their stove or do not have a microwave.

During the warm weather, the meals delivered may be salads and sandwiches which are not frozen but fresh.

CAAC has been working with the Commission on Aging for years to meet the needs of seniors. They have contact to numerous local programs that can assist seniors. Evans wants to assure seniors that CAAC will continue to advocate for senior needs.

Allegan County Commissioners assure seniors that the Home Delivery Meals program in Allegan County is not going away. There will be adjustments. The program will continue to assist seniors with meal preparation and monitor client well-being. Staff will coordinate with families, caregivers, and provide referrals to additional services as needed. Additional millage funded services such as In Home Supports will provide the one-on-one safety and security seniors rely upon inside the home.

"This change is about long-term sustainability, reliability, and expanding service capacity while being responsible stewards of taxpayer funds," assures the commissioners. "Additional information can be found at www.allegancounty.org/seniors. New clients can register with Meals on Wheels Western Michigan at www.mealsonwheelswesternmichigan.org or call 616-459-3111."

Purse Bingo supports Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy

By Gari Voss

The staff of Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center have struck out on a new adventure – Purse Bingo. Safe Harbor has offices in Allegan, Barry and Van Buren Counties. Often, supporters hear about the Gala that will soon happen in Allegan at The Silo, but those living in Hastings and Hartford are unable to attend because of distance. Here is their opportunity and an opportunity for Allegan residents to travel across county lines.

For those unfamiliar with this fundraiser, Purse Bingo combines Bingo and beautiful designer handbags.

The fun begins on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 5pm, when the doors of Leason Sharpe Hall, 231 S. Broadway St. in Hastings, Michigan open. With each round of Bingo, there is a chance to win a designer handbag.

Each ticket purchased includes 10 rounds of Bingo, delicious appetizers, and a signature cocktail. A cash bar will be available for individuals 21 and older, and additional bingo cards can be purchased onsite only. Please note that this event is reserved for individuals 18 and older.

Beautiful designer handbags such as these could be won during Safe Harbor's Purse Bingo night on Thursday, March 19, 2026, beginning at 5pm, when the doors of Leason Sharpe Hall, 231 S. Broadway St. in Hastings. All funds go to providing services for Barry County children who have been abused or neglected.

The first round of Bingo will not begin until 6pm in order to give participants an opportunity to examine the lovely purses and enjoy food and refreshments with friends and colleagues. All Bingo supplies will be provided.

Because this is a fundraiser for an extremely important service to children who have been abused and/or neglected, there is a general admission of $45. This will include 10 rounds of Bingo, appetizers, and a signature cocktail. Table Sponsorship is available for $500 that includes six tickets, with each ticket having the same amenities of 10 Bingo cards, appetizers, and cocktail along with table acknowledgement and social media and website recognition.

Safe Harbor encourages Purse Sponsorship at $250. This will purchase a purse or high-end luxury item for a round of Bingo. A sponsor's business logo will be tagged on each luxury item. Two tickets for entrance will be included with the same basic package items. In addition, there will be social media and website recognition.

In addition, there is the opportunity to become an Underwriter Sponsorship. For $1,500, the Underwriter will have a large banner hanging in the room. They will receive eight entrance tickets of which each includes the signature cocktail, appetizer, and ten Bingo cards. One Purse Sponsorship is included along with social media and website recognition.

"We are so excited to host our first Purse Bingo event, with all the proceeds to help the kids Safe Harbor serves in Barry County," said Executive Director Lori Antkoviak. "Through the support of local businesses and our team members not only in Barry County, but throughout all three counties we serve, we have planned a fun-filled evening with many opportunities to win designer handbags and other surprises, eat some delicious food, and just have a great time."

The Safe Harbor staff encourage anyone interested in Purse Bingo to purchase tickets ahead of time and request all attendees to bring IDs and cash for the evening's extra activities. Tickets along with table and purse sponsorships are still available by contacting development@safeharborcac.org or visiting www.safeharborcac.org/events/.

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NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Allegan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall on March 9, 2026, at 6:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, Allegan City Hall 231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, Michigan, hold a public hearing on the following item:

1. Ordinance 536 to rezone Parcel #03-51-251-041-00 from TN-2 Transitional Residential Neighborhood District to PUD Planned Unit Development District

At that time and place, the City Council shall hear and consider comments, concerns, statements, information, or other communications concerning the proposed amendment to the City of Allegan Code of Ordinances. Please send all written comments to the address listed below. Comments can also be sent to ccanales@cityofallegan.org by 5:00PM on March 9, 2026.

Allegan City Hall is barrier free. The City of Allegan will provide necessary auxiliary aids and services for persons with disabilities, such as signers for hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at a city meeting. Individuals with disabilities requiring such services should contact the City Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

City of Allegan
231 Trowbridge Street
Allegan MI 49010
(269) 673-5511
BY: Carol Canales, Deputy Clerk

DORR TOWNSHIP
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE OF MORATORIUM ORDINANCE ADOPTION

On February 26, 2026, the Township Board for Dorr Township adopted a new moratorium Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 1- 26O (hereinafter, the "Ordinance") which will apply throughout Dorr Township. A summary of the new Ordinance is as follows:

Section 1. Findings, Intent and Purposes.
This Section summarizes the findings, intent and purposes supporting and behind the Ordinance.

Section 2. Definition of Data Center.
This Section defines the phrase "data center" for purposes of the Ordinance.

Section 3. Moratorium.
This Section provides that a moratorium, as specified in the Ordinance, is enacted for the Township.

Section 4. Temporarily Prohibited Data Center Uses, Structures, Buildings and Activities.
This Section provides that no data center or the expansion thereof shall be approved or commenced, constructed, installed, or expanded within the Township so long as the Ordinance is in effect.

Section 5. No Licenses, Permits or Approvals.
This Section provides that the Township or its agents shall not process any application or issue or grant any zoning approval, zoning permit, rezoning license, building permit, or other Township licenses or approval for the commencement, installation, expansion or use of any data center so long as the Ordinance is in effect.

Section 6. Essential Action.
This Section provides that the moratorium is essential and necessary while the Dorr Township Planning Commission and the Dorr Township Board diligently work on proposed amendments to the current Dorr Township Zoning Ordinance regarding data centers.

Section 7. Length of Time in Effect.
This Section specifies that the moratorium shall be in effect until March 6, 2027.

Section 8. Exemptions.
This Section specifies instances where the moratorium shall not apply to certain structures, uses or buildings.

Section 9. Effective Date.
This Section states that the Ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance and shall take effect the day after the notice of adoption appears in the newspaper as provided by law.
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A full copy of the new Ordinance may be inspected, obtained, reviewed and/or purchased at the Dorr Township offices at 1683 142nd Ave., Dorr, MI 49323 during normal business hours (Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed Friday) or by contacting the Dorr Township Clerk at (616) 359-9165. This new Ordinance will become effective the day after the notice of adoption appears in the newspaper as provided by law.

Respectively submitted by,
Debbie Sewers
Dorr Township Clerk
(616) 359-9165

TOWNSHIP OF MONTEREY
NOTICE
OF ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The MONTEREY TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT MONTEREY COMMUNITY BUILDING, 2999 30TH ST., ALLEGAN MICHIGAN ON SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026 AT 12:00 PM.

At this time a Public Hearing on the proposed 2026/2027 Township Budget will be held. **"THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING."** A Copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 2605 30th St., Allegan, Michigan.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Monterey Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 6 days notice to the Monterey Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Monterey Township Board by writing or calling the following: Megan Frank, Monterey Township Clerk 269/793-2014.

Megan Frank
Monterey Township Clerk

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL MEETING THERE WILL BE A TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING TO CLOSE OUT THE 2025/2026 FISCAL YEAR AND ADOPT THE 2026/2027 BUDGET.

TOWNSHIP OF WAYLAND
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF OBLIGATION TO CUT WEEDS

TO: The residents and property owners of the Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with Michigan Public Act 359 of 1941, as amended, and Township Ordinance No. 0-2-2021, all weeds in excess of 8 inches in height within platted subdivisions and condominium subdivisions, including vacant lots; on unplatted lands with a dwelling or other occupied building thereon; and on all industrial or commercial properties, whether property is occupied or not; must be cut to a depth of 165 feet, the depth of the parcel, or the depth of the established yard area, whichever is less, by May 1st of 2026 and must remain cut throughout the balance of said year by the owner or tenant in charge of the premises. In default thereof;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township of Wayland may enter the premises and cut the same as frequently as necessary during 2026 to comply with the foregoing regulations and may charge the cost thereof against the property owner and for collection may place the amount upon the next tax roll of the Township as a tax lien against the offending premises.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any owner in default of the foregoing obligation to cut shall also be subject to a civil fine of up to $500 for each violation. Such cutting obligation shall not apply to fields devoted to growing any small grain or vegetable crop.

This notice is published in accordance with said Public Act and Ordinance by order of the Wayland Township Board.

Wayland Township
Bob Fryling, Clerk
PO Box 1
Bradley, Michigan 49011
Township Hall Address:
1060 129th Avenue
Shelbyville, MI 49344
www.waytwp.org
269-792-0410

ORDINANCE NO. 02-26O
CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS AND/OR ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas lines and facilities including but not limited to mains, pipes, services and valves and to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines and related facilities including but not limited to towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, wires and transformers on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local gas and/or electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF DORR, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE TOWNSHIP OF DORR ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT and TERM. The TOWNSHIP OF DORR, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to Consumers Energy Company, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called "Consumers" the right and authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas lines and facilities including but not limited to mains, pipes, services and valves and to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines and related facilities including but not limited to towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, wires and transformers on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local gas and/or electric business in the TOWNSHIP of DORR, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONDITIONS. No public place used by Consumers shall be obstructed longer than necessary during construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when work was commenced. All of Consumers' gas lines, electric lines and related facilities shall be placed as not to unnecessarily interfere with the public's use of public places. Consumers shall have the right to trim or remove trees and vegetation if necessary in the conducting of such business.

SECTION 3. HOLD HARMLESS. Consumers shall save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the lines and related facilities hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein given, Consumers shall, upon notice, defend the Township and its representatives and hold them harmless from all loss, costs and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 4. EXTENSIONS. Consumers shall construct and extend its gas and/or electric distribution system within said Township, and shall furnish gas and electric service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 6. RATES and CONDITIONS. Consumers shall be entitled to provide gas and electric service to the inhabitants of the Township at the rates and pursuant to the conditions as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission. Such rates and conditions shall be subject to review and change upon petition to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

SECTION 7. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by either party. Upon revocation this ordinance shall be considered repealed and of no effect past, present or future.

SECTION 8. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION. Consumers remains subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission applicable to gas and electric service in the Township and those rules and regulations preempt any term of any ordinance of the Township to the contrary.

SECTION 9. REPEALER. This ordinance, when enacted, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of any previous Consumers' gas and/or electric franchise ordinance adopted by the Township including any amendments.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect on March 6, 2026.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF DORR, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 2-26-2026.

I, Debbie Sewers, Clerk of the TOWNSHIP OF DORR, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the ordinance granting Consumers Energy Company, a gas and/or electric franchise, was properly adopted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF DORR, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, and that all proceedings were regular and in accordance with all legal requirements.

Debbie Sewers, Township Clerk
Dated: 3-2-2026

Public Notices

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on March 19, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Danny G. Oxford and Vickie L. Oxford, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: PNC Bank, National Association, successor by merger to National City Bank, successor by merger to National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank of Indiana

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: July 7, 2005

Date of Mortgage Recording: July 14, 2005

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $181,598.62

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Trowbridge, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: A parcel of land situated in the Northeast 1/4 of Section 35, Town 1 North, Range 13 West, Trowbridge Township, Allegan County, Michigan Described as: Beginning at the Point on the Eastline of Said Section 35 Distant North 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 30 seconds East 658.92 Feet from the East 1/4 Post of said section 35: Thence North 89 Degrees 41 minutes 13 seconds West 3295.28 Feet to the West Line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Said Section 35. Thence North 00 Degrees 08 Minutes 14 seconds West Along said West Line of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 a distance of 330.00 Feet; Thence South 89 degrees 41 minutes 46 seconds East 3294.44 Feet to said East Section Line; Thence South 00 Degrees 00 Minutes 30 seconds along said East Section Line, 329.46 Feet to the place of beginning. Excepting therefrom that portion of land conveyed to Danny G. and Vicki L. Oxford by deed recorded September 28, 2010, In Book 3452, Page 794 of official records.

Common street address (if any): 132 26th St, Allegan, MI 49010-8779

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 12, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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TO ALL CREDITORS: The Settlor, Ja

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM on MARCH 19, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Douglas J. Meisel, Jr., aka Douglas Meisel, aka Douglas John Meisel, a married man and Jacqueline M. Meisle, his spouse, as husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Independent Bank, its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 10, 2020 and recorded January 16, 2020 in Instrument Number 2020-000590 Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by PHH Asset Services LLC, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty-Nine and 16/100 Dollars ($178,589.16).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan at 9:00 AM on MARCH 19, 2026.

Said premises are located in the Township of Orangeville, Allegan County Michigan, and are described as:

Unit No. 11, Whispering Pines Estates, Orangeville Township, Barry County, Michigan, according to the Master Deed recorded in Instrument No. 1023989, as amended, and designated as Barry County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 12, together with rights in the general common elements and the limited common elements as shown on the Master Deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

6988 Lafountaine Dr, Plainwell, Michigan 49080

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 12, 2026

File No. 26-000018

Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC

Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084

Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400

(02-12)(03-05)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00am on Thursday April 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE –Rex Loveless III, a married man, original mortgagor, granted a Mortgage to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. acting solely as nominee for Success Mortgage Partners, Inc., dated October 22, 2021 and recorded November 2, 2021 in Liber 4691, Page 275 as Instrument No. 2021026402; and assigned Data Mortgage, Inc. DBA Essex Mortgage by document

DORR TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dorr Township Complex, 1683 142nd Ave, Dorr, Michigan, the Dorr Township Board will hold a public hearing to consider the Township's proposed budget for 2026-2027.

The Township Board may not adopt its proposed budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Township Complex, 1683 142nd Ave, Dorr, Michigan. All interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing regarding the proposed budget. A link will be made available as soon as feasible on the township's website. (https://dorrtownshipmi.gov/)

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aid should contact the Dorr Township Board or call the Office, prior to meeting.

This Notice of Public Hearing is given by:
Debbie Sewers, Dorr Township Clerk
Dorr Township Hall
1683 142nd Ave
Dorr, Michigan
(616) 681-9874

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 and MCL 221.24e

ALLEGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
COUNTY LOCAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Sealed bids will be received by the Allegan County Road Commission at their office at 1308 Lincoln Road (M-89), Allegan, Michigan until 11:00 A.M., Local Time, March 18, 2026, and, at such time, be publicly opened and read aloud for the following:

PROJECT NO. 400253 – 0.70 miles of roadway reconstruction including clearing, grade establishment, sand subbase, aggregate base, and restoration on 49th street from M-89 to end (0.70 miles North) in Manlius Township, Allegan County.

Complete specifications, plans, and bid forms are available at the Road Commission office and the Road Commission website www.alleganroads.org under the Projects link. When accessing plans from the website, please send an email to jkernodle@alleganroads.org to be added to the plan holders list.

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the Road Commission and sealed in envelopes with the name and address of the bidder, and the item bid upon clearly marked thereon.

A bid deposit of at least 5% of the bid amount will be required for this item. The bid deposit may be in the form of certified check, cashier's check or bid bond.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor technicalities, and to accept the bid that is deemed to be in the best interest of the County of Allegan.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Larry Brown, Chairman
Rick Cain, Vice-Chairman
Harold Hamlin, Member

DORR TOWNSHIP

PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, SPECIAL MEETING

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF DORR TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Planning Commission of Dorr Township will conduct a public hearing concerning the following matters to be held at a special meeting on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Dorr Township Hall, located at 1683 142nd Avenue, Dorr, MI.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the item(s) to be considered include, in brief, the following:

1. An application from Dar Baas of the Kent County Department of Public Works, Property Owner, for preliminary PUD approval of a mixed-use Planned Unit Development to be known as the Kent County Sustainable Business Park PUD (KCSBPPUD). If approved, the following parcels shall be included in and developed to the KCSBPPUD standards:

Address	Parcel Number	Legal description	Lot Area (Acres)
4787 14th St	05-001-012-00	BEG AT A PT ON W LIN OF SEC 1 263 FT S OF NW COR TH S ALG SD W SEC LIN 150 FT TH E PPL WITH N SEC LIN 250 FT TH N PPL WITH W SEC LIN 150 FT TH W PPL WITH N SEC LIN 250 FT TO POB SEC 1 T4N R12W	0.86
4765 14th St	05-001-013-00	COM AT NW COR TH S 689.86' TO POB TH 250' TH E 174.24' TH N 250' TH W 174.24' TO POB SEC 1 T4N R12W	1.00
4781 14th St	05-001-014-00	COM AT NW COR OF SEC 1 TH S ALG W LIN OF SD SEC 413 FT TO POB OF THIS DESC TH S 88 DEG 01' 40" E 500 FT TH S 0 DEG 01' 37" E 516.94 FT TH N 89 DEG 10' W 325.76 FT TH N 250 FT TH N 89 DEG 10' W 174.24 FT TO W LIN OF SD SEC TH N ALG SD W LIN 276.86 FT TO POB SEC 1 T4N R12W	4.98
4795 14th St	05-001-015-00	BEG AT NW COR SEC 1 TH E ALG N LIN OF SD SEC 410' TH S 424.01' TH W 160' TH N 150' TH W 250' TH N 263' TO POB SEC 1 T4N R12W.	3.00
1382 108th Ave	05-001-016-00	COM 410' E OF NW COR OF SEC TH S 424.61' TH S 88 DEG 01'40" E 90' TH S 516.94' TH S 89 DEG 10' E 425.92' TH N 946.25' TH W 516.45' TO POB EX COM 410' E OF NW COR OF SEC TH E 297' TH S 869.10' TH W 206.45' TH N 442.76' TH N 88 DEG 01'40" W 90' TH N 423.95' TO POB SEC 1 T4N R12W (93)	4.77
1384 108th Ave	05-001-016-10	COM 410' E OF NW COR OF SEC TH E 297' TH S 869.10' TH W 206.54' TH N 442.76' TH N 88 DEG 01'40" W 90' TH N 423.95' TO POB SEC 1 T4N R12W (93)	5.00
4701 14th St	05-001-017-00	N 20 AC N 1/2 SW 1/4 ALSO S 1/2 NW 1/4 ALSO THAT PT S 15 AC N 1/2 NW 1/4 LYING W OF PENN RR EX THAT PT N 568' OF S 1667' OF E 1089' OF NW 1/4 LYING W OF PENN RR ALSO EX US-131 R/W ALSO EX BEG AT W 1/4 COR TH N 5' TH E 218' TH S 218' TH N 88 DEG 39'51" W 218' TO POB SEC 1 T4N R12W	97.39
4701 14th St	05-001-017-10	PT OF W 1/2 SEC 1, T4N R12W DESC AS COM AT W 1/4 COR TH N 0°05'48" E ALG W LINE OF NW ¼ OF SEC 5' TH E 218' TH S 218' TH W 218' TO W LINE OF SW 1/4 TH N ALG W LINE OF SEC 213' TO POB.	1.08
4692 14th St	05-001-018-00	S 60 AC N 1/2 SW 1/4 EX 5 AC HWY US-131 ALSO EX S 350 FT OF N 830 FT THEREOF ALSO EX COM AT W 1/4 PST TH S 1077.84' TO POB TH E 363' TH S 240' TH W 363' TH N 240' TO POB ALSO EX S 1 ROD OF N 1/2 SW 1/4 SEC 1 T4N R12W	32.41

2. An application from D.A. VandeBunte, LLC, owner of the unaddressed property at 144th Avenue and U.S.-131 known as permanent parcel number 03-05-012-030-00, to rezone said property from the C Local Business District and B-1 Residential District to either the MX Mixed Use District or I Industrial District. Said property is legally described as follows: W 1/2 SE 1/4 EX W 330' OF THE E 981' OF THE S 165' OF W 1/2 SE 1/4 ALSO EX E 275.5' OF S 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4 ALSO EX THE W 132' OF THE E 585' OF S 165' OF SW 1/4 SE 1/4 ALSO EX W 15' OF N 400' OF S 1575' ALSO EX BEG 275.5' W SE COR SW 1/4 SE 1/4 TH N 380' TH W 305' TH S 215' TH E 132' TH S 165' TH E 173' TO BEG ALSO EX COM AT A PT 275.5' W & 380' N OF SE COR OF SW 1/4 SE 1/4 SEC 12 TH N 250' TH W 305' TH S 250' TH E 305' TO POB SEC 12 T4N R12W

3. Text amendment(s) to the Dorr Township Zoning Ordinance as described below. Further details on proposed amendments can be obtained from the Dorr Township Office upon request prior to the meeting:
   a. Amend Section 4.16 Private Roads to require concrete curbs and gutters around certain features on all new or upgraded paved private roads, with exceptions for those connecting to existing public gravel roads.
   b. Add Section 4.51 Battery Energy Storage Systems to provide Township protections and regulations for the establishment of commercial and noncommercial battery energy storage facilities in accordance with PA 229 of 2023 including, but not limited to, application requirements, permitted districts, setbacks, fire and emergency response plans, decommissioning requirements, escrow and funding, and Community Development Agreements.
   c. Amend Section 4.50 Solar Energy Systems to add additional Township protections and regulations for commercial solar energy systems in accordance with PA 229 of 2023 including, but not limited to, increased setbacks, expanded fire and emergency response plans, repowering, and Community Development Agreements.
4. Such other and further business as may properly come before the Planning Commission.

A copy of applications and related materials is available for review at Dorr Township Hall during regular business hours. Written comments will be received from any interested persons concerning the foregoing application(s) by the Dorr Township Clerk at the Township Hall at any time during regular business hours up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at the hearing. All interested persons are invited and urged to participate.

Dorr Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Dorr Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Dorr Township Clerk at the address above or by calling 616-681-9874.

DANIEL BEUTE, CHAIRMAN
DORR TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
616-681-9874

Public Notices

recorded January 2, 2025 in Liber 5001, Page 402 as Instrument No. 2025000004 in official records of Allegan County Register of Deeds, Michigan, which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $236,077.59. The following LAND REFERRED TO IN THIS INSTRUMENT, SITUATED IN THE CITY OF HOLLAND, COUNTY OF ALLEGAN, STATE OF MICHIGAN, IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE WEST 223.32 FEET OF THE NORTH 172.08 FEET OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 6, TOWN 4 NORTH, RANGE 15 WEST, CITY OF HOLLAND, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN. Commonly known as: 995 Graafschap Road, Holland, MI 49423 Tax Parcel: 03-03-02-06-300-023 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be 1 month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a (b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice ATTENTION PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. This notice is from a debt collector. Dated: February 16, 2026 For more information, please call: (513) 852-6066 Daniel A. Cox Wood + Lamping, LLP Attorneys for Servicer 600 Vine Street, Suite 2500, Cincinnati, OH 45202 File 26-01064

(02-19)(03-12)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on March 19, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Matthew Eldean and Jami Eldean, husband and wife and Matthew Eldean, Trustee of the Matthew Eldean Trust Dated 12/19/2002

Original Mortgagee: Lake Michigan Credit Union

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: August 26, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 23, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $299,489.66

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Laketown, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Town 4 North, Range 16 West, Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the West 1/4 Corner of said Section 2; thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes 58 seconds East 2649.64 feet along the North line of said Southwest 1/4 to the Central 1/4 Corner of said Section 2; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 10 seconds West 805.00 feet along the East line of said Southwest 1/4 to the place of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 10 seconds West 366.34 feet along said East line; thence North 89 degrees 56 minutes 50 seconds West 578.31 feet; thence Northwesterly 67.99 feet along the arc of a 60.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears North 34 degrees 18 minutes 26 seconds West 64.41 feet; thence Northwesterly 46.17 feet along the arc of a 50.00 foot radius curve to the right, the chord of which bears North 40 degrees 19 minutes 03 seconds West 44.54 feet; thence Northwesterly 34.55 feet along the arc of a 383.00 foot radius curve to the left, the chord of which bears North 16 degrees 27 minutes 04 seconds West 34.54 feet; thence North 69 degrees 24 minutes 38 seconds East 698.15 feet to the place of beginning, Laketown Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 4657 Arbor Trl, Holland, MI 49423-8901

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 19, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(02-19)(03-12)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 49c of the State Housing Development Authority Act of 1966, 1966 PA 346, MCL 125.1449c, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 02, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Danny Creswell, unmarried man Original Mortgagee: Union Home Mortgage Corp. Date of mortgage: January 24, 2024 Recorded on February 16, 2024, Liber 4921, on Page 75, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Michigan State Housing Development Authority Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Three and 00/100 Dollars ($155,933.00) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lot 717, The Original Plat of the Village (now City) of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7 of Plats, Page 344, Allegan County Records. Commonly known as 207 Cherry St, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 125.1449v, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 125.1449v(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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(02-19)(03-12)

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under Section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 A.M., on April 16, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Andy Ai, a married man, sole owner, ("Mortgagor"), gave a mortgage to Consumers Credit Union, ("Mortgagee"), dated October 30, 2020, and recorded on November 4,

NOTICE

OTSEGO TOWNSHIP
Allegan County – Michigan
2026 March Board of Review
Meeting Dates

Tuesday: March 3, 2026, Organizational Meeting, No Hearings 11:00AM

Wednesday: March 11, 2026, 2:00PM – 5:00PM
6:00PM – 9:00PM

Thursday: March 12, 2026, 9:00AM – 12:00PM
1:00PM – 4:00PM

Other meetings as necessary.
All reviews will be appointment.
Call (269) 694-9434 to schedule appt.
Reviews will be held at the Otsego Township Hall
400 North 16th Avenue, Otsego MI 49078
Written appeals will be accepted until 12:00PM
Thursday March 12, 2026.

The Allegan County Equalization Initial Factors & Ratios for the Otsego Township will be as follows:

Agricultural:	1.1646	42.93
Commercial:	1.1389	43.90
Industrial:	1.2042	41.52
Residential:	1.0283	48.62

Due to assessment changes Otsego Township anticipates that all ending factors will be 1.0000

Assessor: Lydia Paille
Township Clerk: Jen Colin
Dated: February 3, 2026

NOTICE

Martin Township
2026 Board of Review

The Martin Township Board of Review will be held at the Township Hall (Fire Hall), 988 Templeton, Martin, MI 49070, on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. — Organizational Meeting only
Monday, March 9, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Appeal Hearing
Thursday, March 12, 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. — Appeal Hearing

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2026 assessments. Letters are accepted as appeal, provided they are received prior to the first appeal hearing. Send letter to the Martin Township Board of Review, PO Box 184, Martin, MI 49070.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2026 as provided by the Allegan County Equalization Department are as follows:

Agricultural	38.65%	1.29366
Commercial	46.12%	1.08412
Industrial	48.73%	1.02606
Residential	47.02%	1.06337
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

State Equalized Value (SEV) represents 50% of the True Cash Value of the property. Taxable Value (TV) is the lower of the SEV or the 2025 TV multiplied by the Inflation Rate Multiplier (1.027). Transfers of ownership in 2025 will cause the cap in taxable value to be removed, making the taxable value equal to the SEV for 2026.

Glenn Leep
Martin Township Supervisor
Krista Simmons
Martin Township Assessor

DORR TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW HEARINGS

The Board of Review will be meeting in March to review the Assessment Roll and hear appeals. All meetings will be held at the Dorr Township Hall, 1683 142nd Ave, Dorr, Michigan 49323. The hearings will begin on March 9, 2026. HEARINGS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Please call Dorr Township Office Manager, Vicki Fifelski at 616-681-9874 ext. 105 for available appointments.

If the times available are not convenient, you may appeal by letter. Send letters to Dorr Township, 4196 18th Street, Dorr, MI 49323. All letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. 3-10-2025.

Monday March 9th 9:00 am to 12:00pm 1 pm to 4 pm
Tuesday March 10th 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
6 pm to 9:00 pm

Assessments have been adjusted to result in anticipated multipliers of 1.0000 for all classes. With "Proposal A" in effect, the Taxable Values, excluding new construction and ownership transfers, are capped at the inflation rate of 5% for the 2025 tax year. Taxes are based on Taxable Value. Also, note that if you should have a Principal Residence Exemption on your property and this is not noted on your notice, you should contact the Assessor.

2025 Starting Ratios are as follows:		Factors:	
Ag:	44.59	Ag:	1.1213
Com:	51.28	com:	0.9750
Ind:	35.53	Ind:	1.4072
Res:	47.73	Res:	1.0475

Michael Richmond, Dorr Township Assessor

TOWNSHIP OF CLYDE

ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

The Township of Clyde Board of Review will meet Monday March 9, 2026, from 3:00pm-9:00pm and Tuesday March 10, 2026, 9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm at the Clyde Township Hall, 1679 56th Street, Fennville Michigan.

Written petitions may also be sent to the Board of Review at 2386 58th Street, Fennville Michigan 49408. Property owners or their representatives must contest at the local board of review if they intend to appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Ratio of State Equalized Value to True Cash Value: 50%

	Multiplier	Ratio
Agricultural	1.07968	46.31
Commercial	1.05574	47.36
Residential	1.15393	43.33
Development	NC	NC
Personal	1.0000	50.00
Industrial	1.12994	44.25

Tommie L. Giles
Clyde Township Supervisor
269-561-5214

Hopkins Township

2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 128 S Franklin St, Hopkins, MI 49328 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 1:00pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 2:00pm to 5:00pm & 6:00pm to 9:00pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 4:00pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00pm March 9, 2026. Mailing address is PO Box 217, Hopkins, MI 49328.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	40.53%	1.23365
Commercial	47.49%	1.05285
Industrial	47.40%	1.05485
Residential	45.80%	1.09170
Developmental	48.20%	1.03734
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Cade Bolser, Hopkins Township Supervisor
Grey Castello, Hopkins Township Assessor

CITY OF WAYLAND

2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the City Hall, 103 S Main St, Waland, MI 49348 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 10:00am Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 9:00am to Noon & 1:00pm to 4:00pm
Wednesday, March 11, 2026: 2:00pm to 5:00pm & 6:00pm to 9:00pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00pm March 10, 2026. Mailing address is 103 S. Main St., Wayland, MI 49348.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	NC	NC
Commercial	50.11%	0.99780
Industrial	41.39%	1.20802
Residential	44.77%	1.11682
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Erik Wilson, Wayland City Manager
Grey Castello, Wayland City Assessor

Public Notices

2020, in Liber 4533, on Page 545, Allegan County Records, Michigan. On the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due the principal of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and 03/100 Dollars ($149,900.03) plus accrued interest at 2.875% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the place of holding in the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan @ 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 16, 2026. Said premises are situated in the Township of Clyde, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: The South 208.75 feet of the West 208.75 feet of the Southeast ¼ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 14, Town 2 North, Range 15 West. Commonly: 5159 118th Ave., Fennville, MI 49408—Tax Id #04-014-014-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: February 26, 2026 Consumers Credit Union, Mortgagee Holzman Law, PLLC By: Charles J. Holzman Attorney for Mortgagee 28366 Franklin Road Southfield, Michigan 48034 (248)352-4340 (02-26)(03-26)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
JUDICIAL DISTRICT
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Allegan COUNTY
SUMMONs
CASE NUMBER 26-71681-CH
Court address 113 Chestnut St., Allegan, MI 43010
Court telephone number 269-673-0400
Plaintiff's name, address, and telephone number
Joseph Watson
535 W. Franklin
Otsego, Mi 49080
Plaintiff's attorney bar number, address, and telephone number
Michael J. Becker; Orton Tooman PC P81132
314 Trowbridge St.
Allegan, MI 49010
269-673-2136
v

Defendant's name, address, and telephone number
The Estate of Richard Irving Horrocks; and each of his unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns.
Civil Case
VI There is no other pending or resolved civil action arising out of the same transaction ocr occurrence as alleged in the complaint.
SUMMONS
NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT: In the name of the people of the State of Michigan you are notifed:
1. You are being sued.
2. YOU HAVE 21 DAYS after receiving this summons and a copy of the complaint to file a written answer with the court and serve a copy on the other party or take other lawful action with the court (28 days if you were,served by mail or you were served outside of Michigan).
3. If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demandedin the complaint.
4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

Issue date: 02/13/26 experation date: 05/14/26

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
COUNTY BUILDING, ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010
File No.: 26- 71681 -cH
HOn. Emily W. Jipp P-808
JOSEPH WATSON
Plaintiff
Vs
The ESTATE of RICHARD IRVING HORROCKS; and each of his unknown Heirs, Devisees and Assigns, and
Defendants
Michael J. Becker P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiffs
314 Trowbridge St., PO Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136
ORDER FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
At a session of court held in the courthouse in Allegan County, Michigan, on 2/19/2026
Present: Honorable Matthew Antkoviak, Circuit Court Judge
Plaintiff filed a verified ex parte motion for service of process in the discretion of the court. After reading the verified motion, the court finds that Plaintiff has shown that service of process cannot reasonably be made on Defendants by the methods provided in MCR 2.105(A), in that Plaintiff has demonstrated diligent attempts to locate Defendants. The court further finds, pursuant to MCR 2.105(I), that service of process by publication is the best available method of service of process reasonably calculated to give Defendants actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard.
IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiffs must serve the Defendants by publication for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper located in Allegan County, Michigan. Further, that Plaintiff shall attempt service by certified mail to Richard Horrocks niece Susan E. Siwek at 650 Heritage Lane, Rochester Hills, Michigan.
Hon. Emily W. Jipp P-80894
2-26 3-12

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kendra Snyder and Kevin Snyder, wife and husband as joint tenants
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nexus Nova LLC
Date of Mortgage: September 20, 2021
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 4, 2021
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $116,010.95
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 20 and 21 EX W 180 ft of Lot 21 also S 1/2 Lots 24 and 25 EX E 200 ft of Lots 20 and 24 Lowe's 2nd Divisional Map.

TOWNSHIP OF CHESHIRE
2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 104th Ave & 41st St, Allegan, MI 49010 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 1:30 pm Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Thursday, March 12, 2026: 9:00 am – Noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 11, 2026. Mailing address is 817 Windigo Ln. Otsego, MI 49078.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	40.70%	1.22850
Commercial	41.71%	1.19875
Industrial	45.00%	1.11111
Residential	43.66%	1.14521
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Steve Revor, Supervisor
Cheshire Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor
Cheshire Township

GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 381 8th Street, Plainwell, MI 49080 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 9:00 am Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
Wednesday, March 11, 2026: 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 10, 2026. Mailing address is 381 8th St., Plainwell, MI 49080.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	40.17%	1.24471
Commercial	46.37%	1.07828
Industrial	44.48%	1.12410
Residential	45.24%	1.10522
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Michael VanDenBerg,
Supervisor Gun Plain Charter Township
Heather Mitchell,
Assessor Gun Plain Charter Township

TOWNSHIP OF SALEM
2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 3003 142nd Ave. Burnips, MI 49314 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: Noon Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Wednesday, March 11, 2026: 9:00 am – Noon

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 10, 2026. Mailing address is P.O. Box 49 Burnips, MI 49314.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	42.55%	1.17509
Commercial	49.10%	1.01833
Industrial	35.69%	1.40095
Residential	44.17%	1.13199
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Jim Pitsch, Supervisor Salem Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Salem Township

TOWNSHIP OF ALLEGAN
2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 3037 118th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 4:30 pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 9:00 am – Noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 9, 2026. Mailing address is 3037 118th Ave. Allegan, MI 49010.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	40.28%	1.24131
Commercial	45.69%	1.09433
Industrial	49.54%	1.00929
Residential	45.42%	1.10084
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Stephen A. Schulz,
Supervisor Allegan Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Allegan Township

TOWNSHIP OF TROWBRIDGE
2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 913 S M-40 Hwy, Allegan, MI 49010 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 3:00 pm Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 9:00 am to Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 9, 2026. Mailing address is 913 S M-40 Hwy Allegan, MI 49010.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	42.87%	1.16632
Commercial	39.21%	1.27518
Industrial	44.99%	1.11136
Residential	46.98%	1.06428
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Jeff Kaylor, Supervisor Trowbridge Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Trowbridge Township

WAYLAND TOWNSHIP
2026 NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 1060 129th Ave., Shelbyville, MI 49344 to examine and review the 2026 assessment roll. The board will convene on the following dates for the hearing of appeals of assessments or taxable values, poverty exemptions, parcel classification appeals and/or current year qualified agricultural denials:

Tuesday, March 3, 2026: 10:30 am Organizational Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026: 2:00 pm 5:00pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Tuesday, March 10, 2026: 9:00 am to Noon
Thursday, March 12, 2026: 9:00 am to Noon

And on such additional days as required to hear all persons who have given notice of the desire to be heard until assessment rolls have been revised, corrected and approved.

Letter appeals will be accepted in lieu of appearance and must be received no later than 5:00 pm March 10, 2026. Mailing address is PO Box 1, Bradley, MI 49311.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for 2026 are as follows:

Agricultural	40.08%	1.24750
Commercial	45.12%	1.10816
Industrial	43.94%	1.13792
Residential	45.86%	1.09027
Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Tentative equalization factor of 1.0000 for all classes is expected after completion of Board of Review.

Roger VanVolkinburg,
Supervisor Wayland Township
Heather Mitchell, Assessor Wayland Township

Public Notices

Common street address (if any): 621 Grand St, Allegan, MI 49010-9060

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: March 5, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, on April 16, 2026. The amount due on the Mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Jacob P. Fitts to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC dated October 20, 2016 and recorded October 28, 2016 in Liber 4081 at Page 376, Allegan County, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Bank National Association by assignment and/or merger. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of $13,283.80. Said premises are located in Allegan County, Michigan and are described as: For APN/Parcel ID(s): 03-51-270-006-00 Land Situated in the State of Michigan, County of Allegan, City of Allegan Lot 6, 7 and 8 in Railroad Addition to the Village (now City) of Allegan, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 3 of plats, Page 21, Allegan County Records Said property is commonly known as 138 Ida St, Allegan, MI 49010. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Please be advised that any third party purchaser is responsible for preparing and recording the Sheriff's Deed. If this is a residential Mortgage, the following shall apply: ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF YOU: ARE A DEBTOR IN AN ACTIVE BANKRUPTCY CASE; ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF A BANKRUPTCY STAY; OR, HAVE RECEIVED A DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY AND YOU HAVE NOT REAFFIRMED THE DEBT, THIS NOTICE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY. Dated: February 24, 2026 Attorney for the party foreclosing the Mortgage: Thomas E. McDonald (P39312) Brock & Scott, PLLC 5431 Oleander Drive Wilmington, NC 28403 PHONE: (844) 856-6646 File No. 26-01439

(02-26)(03-19)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 02, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Randy K. Kling, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: November 16, 2017 Recorded on November 27, 2017, Liber 4198, on Page 942, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Sixty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighteen and 61/100 Dollars ($167,718.61) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: COMMENCING AT THE EAST 1/4 POST OF SECTION 31, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST ON THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE 1775.06 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 289 FEET; THENCE NORTH 0 DEGREES 3 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST, PARALLEL TO THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SAID SECTION, 630 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 33 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST 289 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 0 DEGREES 3 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST 630 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; EXCEPTING THE WEST 50 FEET OF THE SOUTH 150 FEET OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL. ALSO THE EAST 170 FEET OF: COMMENCING ON THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE, 350 FEET EAST OF THE CENTER OF SECTION 31, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE EAST ON THE 1/4 LINE 420 FEET; THENCE SOUTH TO LITTLEJOHN LAKE; THENCE WESTERLY AND SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG LITTLEJOHN LAKE TO A POINT 350 FEET EAST OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/4 LINE; THENCE NORTH TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. EXCEPT ANY PORTION OF ABOVE DESCRIBED LEGAL THAT LIES WITHIN LOT 1 OF JAY MARSHALL`S LITTLEJOHN LAKE SUBDIVISION, RECORDED IN LIBER 7 OF PLATS, PAGE 8. Commonly known as 3459 113th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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(02-26)(03-19)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on April 2, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Cheyenne A. Hewlett and Morgan Hewlett, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Rocket Mortgage, LLC s/b/m Nationstar Mortgage LLC

Date of Mortgage: October 21, 2022

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 26, 2022

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $447,522.80

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Heath, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: That part of the Northwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 14 West, Heath Township Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 6; thence on the North line of the Northwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 6, North 89 degrees 53 minutes 21 seconds West 50.24 feet to the South 1/4 corner of Section 31, Town 4 North Range 14

West; thence continuing on said North line North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 487.00 feet to the Westerly line of the C.S.X

Transportation, Inc. property (formerly known as the Pere Marquette Railroad Right of Way); thence on said Westerly line South 28 degrees 36 minutes 48 seconds East 327.5 feet to the point of beginning of the description of this Parcel; thence proceeding on said

Westerly line, South 28 degrees 36 minutes 48 minutes East 299.40 feet; thence South 89 degrees 26 minutes 28 seconds West 223.08 feet to a point of being 326.33 feet

Northeasterly as measured perpendicularly from the centerline of Highway M-40 (formerly known as Beeline Road);

thence on a line parallel with said highway, North 38 degrees 33 minutes 57 seconds West 197.45 feet to a point of being South 38 degrees 33 minutes 57 seconds East

509.18 feet (previously described as 515.50 feet) from the North line of the Northwest Fractional 1/4 of Section 6; thence

on a line perpendicular to the Westerly line of C.S.X Transportation, Inc. property North 61 degrees 23 minutes 12 seconds East 231.00 feet (previously described as Northeasterly 231 feet) to the point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH a non-exclusive easement as created, limited and define by that instrument recorded in Liber 2476, Page 354.

Common street address (if any): 3580 Trackside Dr, Hamilton, MI 49419-9029

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

CITY OF WAYLAND

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Planning Commission of the City of Wayland shall deliberate the following requests on Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Wayland City Hall, Council Chambers, 103 S. Main Street, Wayland, MI 49348.

Purpose: To consider a request to rezone property Parcel 03-56-008-010-000 from Low Density Residential District to Single Family Residential District

Any other such business as comes legally before the Planning Commission.

A copy of the application and related materials are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for City residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the request. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission Chair at Wayland City Hall, 103 S. Main Street, Wayland, MI 49348 or by calling City Hall at 269-792-2265. All written comments must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14, 2026

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify City Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

Dated March 2, 2026 Joyce Jenkins
Deputy City Clerk
City of Wayland 269-792-2265

NOTICE

Dorr Township is currently seeking a new Township Board Trustee.

Applicants must be legal voters of Dorr Township and have been a resident of the township for at least one year. They must also run on the August 2026 Election cycle.

Interested individuals should submit a resume or application by 3/19/2026.

For specific questions or to confirm submission deadlines, contact the Dorr Township Office 1683 142nd Ave Dorr, MI 49323

Overisel Township

Budget Public Hearing

The Overisel Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2026/27 on Monday, March 23, 2026, at the Overisel Township Hall, at 7:30 pm. ***The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.*** A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at The Township Hall.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township board by writing or calling. Overisel Township, A-4307 144th Ave. Holland, MI 49423. Phone: 269-751-7030.

ALLEGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received by the Allegan County Road Commission at their office at 1308 Lincoln Road (M-89), Allegan, Michigan until 11:00 A.M, Wednesday, March 11, 2026, and at such time be publicly opened and read aloud for the following:

Truck Grader Blades

Complete specifications and bid forms are available at the Road Commission office and the Road Commission website, www.alleganroads.org under the projects link.

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the Road Commission and sealed in envelopes with the name and address of the bidder, and the item bid upon clearly marked thereon.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor technicalities, and to accept the bid that is deemed to be in the best interest of the County of Allegan.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Larry Brown, Chairman
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Harold Hamlin, Commissioner

ALLEGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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Sealed bids will be received by the Allegan County Road Commission at their office at 1308 Lincoln Road (M-89), Allegan, Michigan until 11:00 A.M, Wednesday, March 11, 2026, and at such time be publicly opened and read aloud for the following:

Motor Grader Blades

Complete specifications and bid forms are available at the Road Commission office and the Road Commission website, www.alleganroads.org under the projects link.

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the Road Commission and sealed in envelopes with the name and address of the bidder, and the item bid upon clearly marked thereon.

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Public Hearing

On Increasing Property Taxes for Otsego Township and Annual Meeting

The Otsego Township Board will hold a public Hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2026 - 2027 at 400 N. 16th St. Otsego, MI on Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at 400 N. 16th St. Otsego, MI.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended, MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).

The Otsego Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 7 days notice to the Otsego Township Board.

Note: Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Otsego Township Board by writing or calling the following: Jen Colin, P.O. Box 257, Otsego, MI 49078. (269) 694-9434.

Otsego Township Board
P.O. Box 257
Otsego, MI 49078

ALLEGAN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FURNISHING MATERIALS

Sealed bids will be received by the Allegan County Road Commission (ACRC) at their office at 1308 Lincoln Road (M 89), Allegan, Michigan until 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, March 18, 2026, for the following:

GRAVEL RESURFACING

Complete specifications and bid forms are available at the ACRC Office and on our website at www.alleganroads.org under Projects & Bids.

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the ACRC and sealed in envelopes with the name and address of the bidder, and the item bid upon clearly marked thereon.

No bid deposit will be required.

The ACRC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive minor technicalities, and to accept the bid that is deemed to be in the best interest of the ACRC.

BOARD OF COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS
OF ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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Rick Cain, Vice-Chairman
Harold Hamlin, Commissioner

Public Notices

This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 5, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(03-05)(03-26)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66057-DE and JUDGE JOLENE CLEARWATER
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Daniel VanderLaan Date of Birth:*06/02/26
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Daniel VanderLaan , died 1/1/2026 .
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Paulette VanderLaan, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
2/27/2026
Timothy R. Newhouse P37048
2465 Byron Station Drive SW, Ste. A
Byron Center, MI 49315
(616) 366-1000
Paulette VanderLaan
4269 104th Ave
Allegan, MI 49010
616-589-6437

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE SALE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rayheim R. Robinson, single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Hancock Mortgage Partners, LLC dated September 29, 2022 and recorded September 30, 2022 in Instrument Number 2022008529 St. Joseph County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Planet Home Lending, LLC by assignment. In pursuance and by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief entered for Plaintiff, Planet Home Lending, LLC against Defendant, Rayheim R. Robinson in Case No. 25-375-CH of St. Joseph County Circuit Court, the below premises shall be foreclosed and sold by public auction. Said Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief was entered on the 16th day of January, 2026, wherein there is claimed to be due on said date the sum of One Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Seventy Cents ($171,349.70), plus sums advanced for taxes, insurance and other fees incurred and allowed by said mortgage. Under the Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief and related statutes, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure of Mortgage and Declaratory Relief and that the sale shall be at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within St. Joseph County, on the 30th day of April, 2026 at 10:00 AM, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Village of White Pigeon, County of St. Joseph and State of Michigan, described as follows: PARCEL 1: THAT PART OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 12 WEST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING ON THE NORTHERLY SIDE OF CHICAGO STREET 10 FEET WESTERLY OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 34 OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITE PIGEON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN, IN LIBER A OF DEEDS, PAGE 16; THENCE WESTERLY ON THE NORTHERLY LINE OF CHICAGO STREET 96.4 FEET; THENCE NORTH 160 FEET; THENCE NORTH 86° EAST TO A POINT 10 FEET, ON SAID LINE, FROM THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 33 OF SAID PLAT; THENCE SOUTH 04° EAST 159.55 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. TAX ID# 75-045-777-007-01 PARCEL 2: LOT 33 OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITE PIGEON, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN, IN LIBER A OF DEEDS, PAGES 15 AND 16. ASLO, COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 33, THENCE WESTERLY ON THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 33 EXTENDED, 10 FEET; THENCE NORTHERLY, PARALLEL WITH THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 33 TO NORTHERLY LINE OF LOT 33 EXTENDED; THENCE EASTERLY TO NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 33; THENCE SOUTHERLY ON WESTERLY LINE OF LOT 33 TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. BEING DESCRIBED ON THE COUNTY TAX ROLL AS: LOT 33, ALSO STRIP 10 WIDE ADJOINING LOT 33 ON WEST SIDE, ORIGINAL PLAT OF THE VILLAGE OF WHITE PIGEON. TAX ID # 75-045-200-037-00 Commonly Known As: 300 W Chicago Road, White Pigeon, MI, 49099 and 207 N Melody Street, White Pigeon, Michigan 49099 Tax ID: 75 045 777 007 01 and 75 045 200 037 00 This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale. Dated: February 27, 2026 Orlans Law Group PLLC /s/Sogol I. Plagany Attorneys for Plaintiff Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084 Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400 File No. 25-006493
(03-06)(04-10)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Michael David Knobloch Date of Birth:*11.03.1954
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Michael David Knobloch, died 11-27-2025.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Autumn Joy Prus, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
Autumn Prus
1143 41st St.
Allegan, mi 49010

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66083-DE and JUDGE HON. JOLENE A. CLEARWATER
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of John Jerominski Date of Birth:*11/14/1948
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, John Jerominski, died 01/20/2026.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Elizabeth Kaehn, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
2/26/2026
Elizabeth Kaehn
2599 Elmwood Drive
Adrian, MI 49221
517-401-0278

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 26-66082-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250
Estate of Theodore E. Pals Date of Birth:*02/12/1960
TO ALL CREDITORS: **
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Theodore E. Pals, died 01/03/2026.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to John Pals, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
February 26, 2026
Erik H. Jesson P43510
2010-44th Street SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49508
(616) 455-5200
John Pals
2410 - 140th Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
(616) 610-5515

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Kendra Snyder and Kevin Snyder, wife and husband as joint tenants
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nexus Nova LLC
Date of Mortgage: September 20, 2021
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 4, 2021
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $116,010.95
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lots 20 and 21 EX W 180 ft of Lot 21 also S 1/2 Lots 24 and 25 EX E 200 ft of Lots 20 and 24 Lowe's 2nd Divisional Map.
Common street address (if any): 621 Grand St, Allegan, MI 49010-9060
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: March 5, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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DORR TOWNSHIP MEETING SYNOPSIS

February 26, 2026, 7:00 pm

Board in Attendance: Miling, Champion, Sewers, Tuinstra, Reitz, Weber.
Reports Heard: Police, Fire, Planning Commission, Library and Parks.
Agenda/ Minutes Carried
Invoices/Payroll Carried
Voted On:
- Special Use Permit Resolution Carried
- Board Salary Resolutions Carried
- Moratorium Carried
- Designation of United Bank as the Financial Institution for the Keeping of Tax Funds Carried
- Consumers Energy Company Gas And/Or Electric Franchise Ordinance Carried
- Park Commissioner Appointment Carried
- DBA Christmas In-Dorr Carried
- Accept Resignation Carried

Contact Clerk for Draft Minutes
Clerk@dorrtownship.org
Submitted by Debbie Sewers Clerk

Hopkins Township

128 S. Franklin St. Hopkins, MI 49328
Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Hopkins Township Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting and Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 7:30 p.m. at Hopkins Township Hall, 128 South Franklin, Hopkins MI, 49328.

The following items will be heard, considered, and possibly have action taken upon them:

1. An application from Mike Houseman of Wolverine Building Group, applicant representing Schanz Family Trust, owner of the unaddressed property on 12th Street known as permanent parcel number 03-10-001-018-00, to conditionally rezone said property from the C-1 Neighborhood Business District to the C-2 General Business District for the purpose of constructing and operating an automobile dealership. The property is legally described as follows: THAT PT OF E 1341.43' SE 1/4 LYING N OF HILBERT DRAIN & E'LY OF MINERAL SPRINGS DRAIN EX COM 165' W OF E 1/4 PST TH W 416' TH S 264' TH E 416' TH N 264' TO POB ALSO EX COM 598' W OF E 1/4 PST TH W 495' TH S 264' TH E 495' TH N 264' TO POB SEC 1 T3N R12W
2. Any other such items as come properly before the Planning Commission.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Hopkins Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days written notice to the Township Clerk at PO Box 217, Hopkins, MI 49328, by phone 269-793-3188 or by email to clerk@hopkinstownship.org.

A copy of items summarized herein are available for viewing online at www.hopkinstownship.org.

HOPKINS TOWNSHIP CLERK
STACEY TIMMER
269-793-3188

Notice

of Public Hearing
Wayland Township
Zoning Board of Appeals
VARIANCE REQUEST

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Public Act 110 of 2006, as amended (The Michigan Zoning Enabling Act) the Wayland Township Zoning Board of Appeals will deliberate the following variance request(s) on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Wayland Township Hall, located at 1060 129th Ave, Shelbyville, MI 49344.

The applications received are as follows:
1. A request from Craig Atwood of the Allegan County Road Commission, owner of 2594 12th Street, also known as permanent parcel number 03-24-031-006-00, for relief from Section 3.12(b) of the Wayland Township Zoning Ordinance to install a fence within the front yard taller than permitted by right.
2. A request from Steven Knowlton, owner of an unaddressed property on 6th Street known as permanent parcel number 03-24-028-025-03, for relief from Section 5.06 of the Wayland Township Zoning Ordinance to create one or more parcels within the A Agricultural District with substandard road frontage.

A copy of the application is available for review at Wayland Township Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions and discuss all aspects of the request. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Zoning Board of Appeals in person at the Township Hall address cited above or by mail to Wayland Township Hall, P.O. Box 1, Bradley, MI, 49311. All written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify Wayland Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

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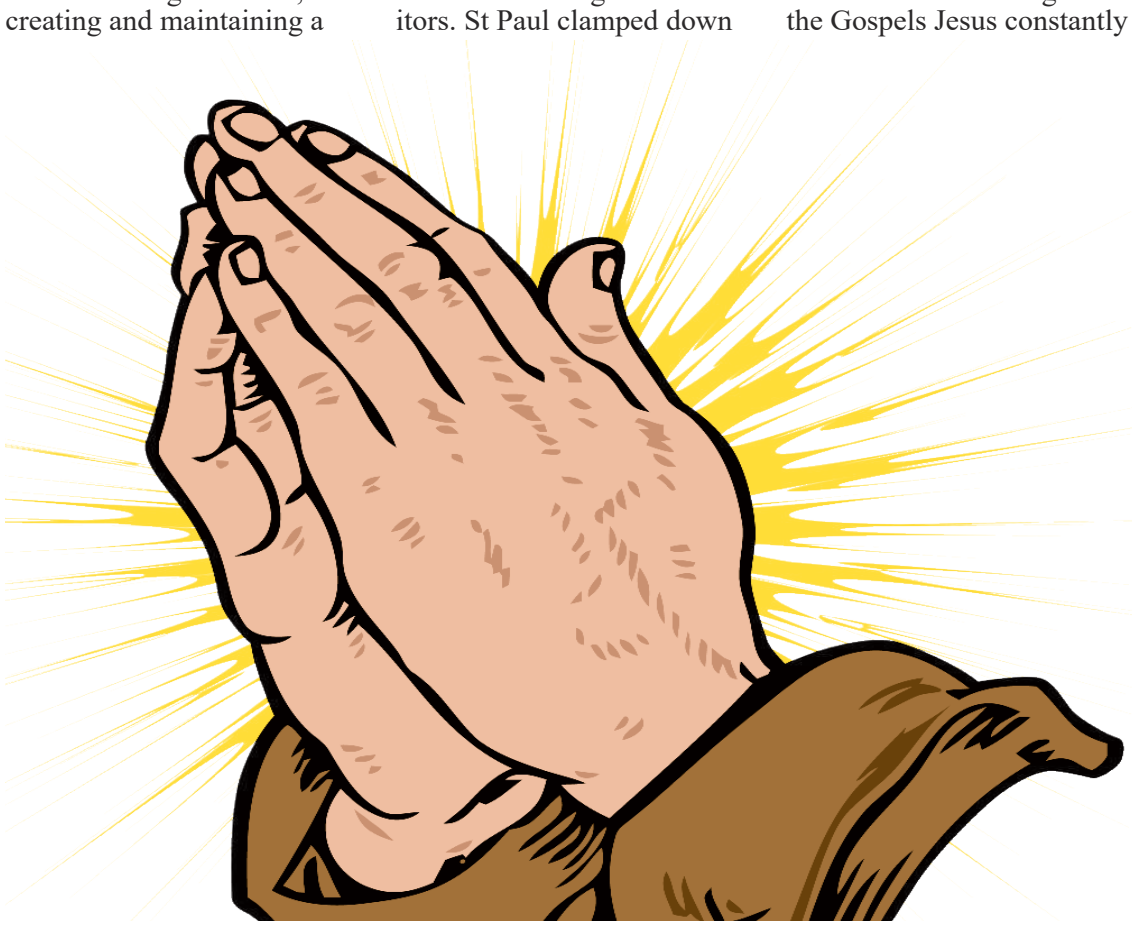
A new retirement community is being built in a suburb of Madison, Wisconsin. When it opens later this year it will be known as Agrace's Dementia Village. Instead of the usual design of retirement communities, some of which seem as if they are warehouses for those who are 'waiting for God,' this is a small village to engage all the senses of the residents and their visitors. It is a true village, with shops and restaurants, parks with benches, solid picnic tables, and opportunities for the residents to participate in the gardening, etc. The whole concept is to create a gentle, idealistic neighborhood out of the past. It is a vast improvement over playing endless games of bingo for small prizes.

Most importantly, like the original memory village in the Netherlands, all of the staff members will be taught how to enter into the lives of their residents. No more aides bursting into a room demanding to know using a sing-song voice to ask, "And how are WE feeling today?" No treating residents like they are children to be managed, but valued older adults. The staff is taught how to fit into the world of the residents.

The concept is fascinating, and a welcome change.

A central theme throughout the Bible, but especially in the teachings of Jesus, is creating and maintaining a high standard of hospitality for others. We read of Abraham welcoming the three guests to his camp, and instructions from God to Moses that the Israelites were to welcome refugees and visitors. St Paul clamped down hard on the Corinthians and told he didn't want to hear about anymore 'brown bag lunches' where people ate the food they brought. Rather, make it into a potluck where food is shared. Throughout the Gospels Jesus constantly pointed out that how we treat others is a reflection of our faith.



One of the most overlooked or neglected segment of our society are the elderly. Elder abuse is far too common; loneliness is the root cause of most fatal illness among older people. Unfortunately, some retirement communities are little more than warehouses with long halls and shut doors. Too often, whether in their own homes or a facility, they are seen as a burden, an expense, a non-contributing semi-person.

This memory community changes the focus and dynamic. It puts an emphasis on treating others as we want to be treated, and embodies the philosophy hospitality. Many people, as they learn of Agrace's Dementia Village in Wisconsin hope to see a growing change to elder care because they know it is an expression of Christ's love for all people.

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Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

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700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
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Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

Allegan United Methodist Church
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Church: 673-4236;

At the Master's Feet
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616-896-8410

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Pastor Wally Coots

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269-672-5746
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Otsegomethodistchurch.org

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Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

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694-6104

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269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
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